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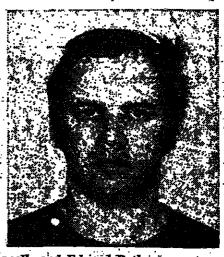
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prompted the Prime Minister to appeal in the Commons for trade unionists to be patient. He said a third year of restraint in pay demands was inevitable if more inflation and unemployment were to be avoided.









The four IRA terrorists sentenced yesterday (left to right) Harry Duggan, Hugh Doherty, Martin Joseph O'Connell, and Edward Butler.

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three key motor industry unions -tue engineering workers, the electricians and plumbers, and the transport workers-added their voice to the growing clamour for an end to pay restraint, allying themselves with stop stewards at British Leyland and Ford.

The Vauxhall Combine Committee, covering plants employ-ing 30,000 men at Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port, expressed "full support" for the demand for a return to free collective bargaining in August when phase two of the present income policy has expired. The committee said: "We can no longer stand by and see our members' hiving standards drop to an all-time low while prices are allowed to reach an all-time

"In the coming weeks we resolve to contact our colleagues at British Leyland, Fords and Chrysler with a view to putting a united policy at shop-floor level for a return to a free and collective system within Eritish industry."

There are also signs of growing disenchantment with the social contract in the Post Office, and even the relatively staid National Union of Earls Employees decided at its executive meeting yesterday not to support another instalment of the pay policy if it did not provide for the maintenance and improvement of salary differen-

tials.
Mr David Basnett, leader of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and one of the moderate Notting. TUC's six negotiators with the iners earlier this Government, used unusually that he is articustrong language in a speech

the renewal of the social con-

He called for job-creation and preservation schemes and reversal of the deflationary impact of the July and December public spending cuts so that spending could be increased on housing, transport, roads, schools, hospitals, and the nationalized industries.

As if his remark two days ago that a third year of pay restraint could not be negotiared was not enough Mr Frank Chapple, the electricians leader, stirred the pot further yesterday with a demand that early retirement should not be restricted to underground workers in the mines.

He said in his union's journal that many more workers should be entitled to early retirement after many years conditions just as hazardous as those of the miners The trade union movement

should make it clear, as a matter of policy, that in all those occupations where the hazards are similar to those of underground miners, and there are a great many, 20 years in such an occupation ought to qualify the occupant for early retirement. he wrote.

The early retirement deal in the continuous industry due to

the coalmining industry, due to come into effect ou August 1, allows men with 20 years' underground service to leave the pits at the age of 62 on four fifths of their take home pay The scope for such agreement expires on July 31 is one of the issues being considered by

the TUC economic committee. Leading article, page 15 Engineering union leaders,

Two police chiefs give a warning of early IRA reprisals

By Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent Sir Robert Mark, the Metro-politan Police Commissioner, and Mr Kenivth Oxford, Chief and Mr Kenivth Oxford, Chief Constable of Merseyside, appealed last night for people to be vigilant against possible IRA terrorist attacks.

There were dangers of reprisals, they said, after the sentencing by Mr Justice Cantley at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of four IRA men convicted on charges arising out of a terror campaign of bombings and shootings in London in 1975. The four Irishmen were each sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation by the judge that they should serve a mini-mum of 30 years in jail.

Martin Joseph O'Connell, aged 25, Edward Butler, aged

aged 25, Edward Burier, aged 26, and Harry Duggan aged 24, each convicted on 20 counts, were each given 12 concurrent life sentences, 21 years imprisonment for the Hilton hotel manslaughter; six 20 years

one term of 21 years for the Hilton hotel manslaughter; five of 20 years and one of 18 years, all concurrent. all concurrent.

As Mr O'Connell was taken to the cells, he shouted: "Up the Provos!" Mr Butler gave a V sign to the judge as he turned to go to the cells.

As Mr Duggan was brought into the court to hear his sentence, he said: "I am not listening to any of this English rubbish; please, I wish to make a statement from the dock."

all concurrent

Hugh Doherty, aged 26, convicted on 18 charges, was given 11 concurrent life sentences;

a statement from the dock." The judge ignored him and proceeded to sentence him.
Speaking less than two hours after the terrorists had been sentenced Sir Robert Mark told reporters at Scotland Yard: urge you to tell your readers not to relax their vigilance, especially in the next few-days. In fact, in two days' time the IRA may decide to mark in

some violent way the death of terrorist nature solved or the coming weekend, when frank Stagg."

It was just a year ago the total. In that time there tomorrow, that Frank Stagg, an had been 58 deaths, 18 of them IRA bomber, died in the hosping in London. The number of tall wing of Wakefield prison people injured in England and after going on hunger strike. Wales was 685, 353 of them in recently resident in Scarisbick Such an anniversary that the There was no cause for comsuch an anniversary that the IRA may choose to mark the event with a new campaign."

Since March, 1973, 276 terrorist incidents were re-

ported in England and Walesported in England and Wales-involving the use of 315 devices, either bombs, incendiaries or parcel or letter bombs. Of those, 179 incidents took place in London, in which 194 devices were involved.

There were 14 shootings throughout the country during that time, 11 of which were in the Metropolitan Police dis-trict. During the past four years 130 IRA terrorists and 18 Protestant terrorists were

Protestant terrorists were charged. Nearly 50 of those were for offences committed in

There was no cause for complacency. "There can be no assurance that terrorism will not be renewed. I wree you not to relax but to take this matter very seriously."

very seriously.

In Liverpool, Mr Oxford said
he wanted to destroy a myth
that Merseyside might be immune from IRA. arracks because of the high proportion of local people with Irish con-nexions. The area might be selected as a revenge target by the IRA.

"There is a danger that people might become complacent", he said. "There is still a danger that what has happened in London and Birming. ham could happen here."

He particularly wanted to emphasize the warning during

Businessmen attacked, page 2 IRA sentences, page 4

and Joseph McDonagh, aged 27, of Brunel Close, Antield, Liver-pool, are to appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court today after

the discovery of incendiary devices, explosives, a Smith and

Wesson pistol, ammunition and bomb-making equipment in

Liverpool.
Sinn Fein statement: London Sinn Fein in a statement last

night, said the majority of the British people, according to an opinion poll, favoured the with-drawal of British troops from

Northern Ireland. They should

force politicians to carry that out so that the Irish people as a whole could determine their

own future.

Syrians and guerrillas join battle in Beirut

From Robert Fisk Beirut, Feb 10

Syrian troops and Palestinian guerrillas fought each other for almost three hours on the south-ern outskirts of Beirut this afternoon after the Syrians, who make up most of the Arab League peacekeeping force in Lebanon, apparently discovered heavy weapons hidden near the Sabra Palestinian refugee camp. The fighting went on until nightfall when shells could still be heard falling around the camp, which is near the city's

international airport.

Journalists and photographers were prevented from entering the area by Syrian soldiers, minster, it became clear that Russian-built tanks, which have since November last year, are believed to have been used in the fighting. A statement issued by the

Arab League peace force over Beirut radio tonight said its soldiers intervened to stop a battle between "Palestinian commando organizations" near the airport. It said its troops returned fire when they came under attack themselves.

Although the broadcast did not mention the fact, one of the guerrilla groups was the pro-Syrian Palestinian Saiga Organization, which has been involved in several battles with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization over recent months.

Syrian troops last opened fire in Beirut just before Christmas when rivel Palestin-ian groups were fighting each other at Sabra. Tonight Saudi Arabian and Sudanese Arab League troops, who operate with the Syrians as part of the peacekeeping army, searched every car entering and leaving the city. The population, no doubt reminded of the terrible months of civil war by the rumbling of shellfire which could be heard as far away as the port, left the streets deserted.

The decisive battle between the PLO and Saiga, however, is likely to be a political one, fought not in Leirut but in Cairo, where the Palestine National Council is to meet on March 12. Castle's secret; Waldheim

in Israel, page 7

Mr Ian Smith pleased with Vorster talks

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian the priest indirectly accused Prime Minister, flew home from the Rhodesian Government Cape Town yesterday, saying he of responsibility. In Washingwas pleased with his "conton, Mr' Cyrus Vance, genial" talks with Mr Vorster, the Secretary of State, asked the South African Prime Minister. In Rhodesia a further 41 of Rhodesian chrome into the Rocal how a died in the United State Area for the Prime Minister. people have died in the United States. According to a guerrilla war. The funeral United Nations document, Bri-service for the seven mis- tain has accused Russia and

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covers all beer sales except those in supermarkets, grocers,

off-licences and some clubs

Air trespassing

claim rejected

The High Coust rejected a claim by Lord Bernstein that an aircraft which took photographs of his farm in Kent with-

out his permission was trespass

ing in the airspace above his land and invading his privacy Law report, page 11

Dr Yuri Orloy, a leader of Soviet dissidents, was arrested in Moscow yesterday. He had just returned from the country,

where he fled a week ago when the Literary Gazette attacked him and Alexander Ginsburg. Mr Ginsburg was arrested the day after publication. Page 7

to vote for abolition of the

Cost of security: Air fares from Britain will rise by about £1 a head next year as a

result of a government decision

to stop paying for airport security measures 4

Tunis: Arab pressure increases on EEC to adopt more positive positions on Arab-Israeli dis-

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Mr Roy Jenkins told the Euro Mr Hattersley, Secretary of pean Parkament in Luxen bourg that he would not preside over a supine European Commission. He was replying because of the "high level of the debate on his mercage of the "high level of the price to-a debate on his message on the state of the Community earlier this week. A number of MPs seemed to feel that the president was strong on analysis but short on specific remedies to give the Community a new lease of life Page 5

Soares welcome for entry move

Dr Soares, Portugal's Prime Minister, is satisfied with the decision of the Council of Ministers to give a qualified welcome to a Portuguese appli-cation for full EEC membership. He will sound out opinions in a tour of Community capi-tals next week before applying Page 5

Universities' cash may be cut less

University income for 1977-78. Abolishing Lords: The Labour is likely to be reduced by Party National Executive Combetween £6m and £12m rather unitree is hoping to get the than by £25m, as predicted by party conference this autumn than by 25m, as predicted by the University Grants Committee. Their total grant for the year may be between £603m and £609m Page 3

Airways unions

A demand for an equal voice with the management's in planning forthcoming multimillion pound investments is being prepared by 14 minons at British Airways. The scheme will be discussed at a meeting of the newly formed workers council on February 28 Page 2

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Procedural wrangling delays devolution Bill

By Hugh Noyes

Mr Foot Leader of the louse, strongly indicated in the Commons yesterday that the Government would be prepared to concede that the proposed Bill for Scotland and Wales should be consultative and not mandatory. That would mean that they would have the same effect as the EEC referendum and the verdict of the people would have to be ratified by Parliament.

:Mr Foot made his proposals, which at that stage involved no firm Government commitment one way or another, as the Scotland and Wales Bill looked like becoming bogged down in a lengthy procedural wrangle.

business was in danger of being ended when a surprise Torv move forced a division on a motion to report progress.

As Labour whips frantically counded up their straying flock, it seemed that Mr Michael Cocks, the Government Chief Whip, might have been caught in another Tory trap. In the end the Government saved the sitting by 248 votes to 197, a comfortable majority of 51.

As the procedural battle became more and more heared, with parliamentary heavy-weights joining in, including Mr Heath, the former Tory leader, Sir Peter Rawlinson, OC, the

former Attorney General, Mr. Enoch Powell and Mr. Douglas lay, Mr Foot intervened to say that the Government would facilitate any debate to allow an amendment to decide whether the referendums should be consultative or mandatory.

The battle began when Mr Maurice Macmillan submitted that a new precedent was being established by allowing amendments proposing that the pro-visions of a Bill should be subject to a referendum.

After the chairman, Mr Oscar Mutton, had ruled that the Referendum Act, 1975, largely destroyed the basis on which previous rulings on the matter had been given, MPs on both sides were quick to point our that the EEC referendum to which the Act applied was conwhich the Act applied was consultative and not mandatory.

From the Tory front bench, Mr Francis Pym, spokesman on devolution, urged an adjourn-ment saying that unless that happened arguments might con-tinue far into the night.

An opposing view was taken w Mr Heath, who thought the ruling was correct. He was con-cerned that the House was becoming ossified and contended that there was nothing wrong with the procedure proposed because the House could still decide on every aspect of it. skirmishes the House moved on to the referendum clauses. Parliamentary report, page 8

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controls. But senior ministers have no illusions; they accept that a long and upbill road will have to be travelled through this year and into next. The boon lower rate of inflation might be thrown away because

Price curbs run parallel with pay curbs, as Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, is expected to emphasize when he made Price by he meets British Leykand shop stewards today. Here, again, there is mounting union pressure, and a statement is expec-

rless on unions to be patient

in the wake of a statement by Mr Joseph Gormley, the miners' leader, that Labour would lose the next general election unless it ended pay

Opposition.
"I agree that the trade

into his question time with any set-piece answer about pay res traint. He begins to feel the rising pressure among union leaders for a return to free collective bargaining and sees

Although he has no intention of intervening yet in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's dealings with the TUC leaders in advance of the Budget, the Prime Minister seized the opportunity to make plain his personal commitment to pay

Part of the danger, as Mr Callaghan reads the future, is that euphoria will wax among unionists as they see the pound strengthening and renewed confidence lifting share prices. There might be a deepening sense that the time come for relaxation of

set, and a statement is a specific to the form of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, within a formight.

mission | Prime Minister asks

day warned the Commons and the country as a whole that a third year of pay restraint is inevitable if there is not to be a new stimulus to inflation and

Mr Callaghan was speaking to the House at question time

"This third year on which But there is no better way, and nobody has been able to point one out, certainly not the

we are asking the British people to embark. Mr Callaghan said, "will probably be the most difficult of all because people are inevitably impatient, and I understand it.

inevitable policy, which must succeed. But we must all work to that end, and I intend to do all I can to make it succeed."

The Government's first task must be to ensure that the rate of inflation did not increase; indeed, that it substantially diminished. That means policies for industrial investment and regeneration and, more especially another round this

Behind the scenes at West-Parliamentary report, page 8 South African bishops speak out against systematic beatings and police torture

They also demanded an inrestigation of the "seemingly systematic beatings and unjusti-fiable shootings during fiable shootings during disturbances and of cold-blooded torture of detained persons ".

year to repeat fit of about £25m. In one of the most forthright statements ever issued by the church in this country, the bishops declared: "No teme of more than a through the Price porary suppression by violence, only a sharing of citizenship, can give hope of any safety for Sut it will go knowledge that on is bound to children, black or white, now growing up in the republic, and prevent the horrors of civil war the future."

The statement was issued an additional after a week-long meeting, in Pretoria, of the Southern African Catholic Bishop's Conference attended by prelates from th increased bills ill redeem, ahead Loans Fund. In will increase its South Africa, Swaziland and elf-financing and balance sheets in

Pretoria, Feb 10.—The Roman Catholic bishops today condemned South Africa's "social and political system of oppression" and called for sweeping change to avert fur-ther bloodshed. week, the bishops said the church would not go back on its decision to open church schools to pupils of all races, in defiance of the law.

Calling for "a radical rerision of the system", the
bishops in their statement
roday said: "People starved of
freedom, deprived of their just
rights and humiliared in their
personal and corporate dimits personal and corporate dignity will not rest until a proper balance of justice is achieved. "We affirm that in this we are on the side of the oppressed and, as we have committed ourselves to working within our church for a clearer expression of solidarity with the poor and deprived, so we commit ourselves equally to working for peace through justice

in fraternal collaboration with

all other churches, agencies and

persons dedicated to this cause.

viction, so often repeated, that the only solution of our racial

"We again profess our con-

false grounds of colour; but on the grounds of the common

blacks were reported killed and on the confirmed deaths of at by what appear to be reliable reports of police brutality. We realize that a situation of violence breeds arrocities on both sides, but we are speaking of seemingly systematic bearings and unjustifiable shootings and unjustifiable shootings. during disturbances and of cold-blooded torture of detained persons. We call for an investigation and resolve to collaborate with others intent on britishing the truth to light." Africa's 18 million blacks had passed "the point of no renurn".
Young Africans could not

humanity of all men, taught by Our Lord Jesus Christ." Commenting on police action

least 12 blacks while in police detention, the statement said: "We are especially perturbed The statement said South

accept a society in which they

last year to quell anti-govern-ment rioting in which some 500

seek equal voice

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tensions consists in conceding had no say in government and full citizenship and human could not even have organiza-rights to all persons in the tions to defend their right to republic, not by choice on the a living wage.AP and Reuter. The church has thus mainits outspoken challenge

British Airways unions prepare demand for equal voice in main investment decisions

By Christopher Thomas Labour Staff

Fourteen unions at British Airways are preparing a demand for power-sharing that would give them an equal voice with management in multi-million forthcoming

pound investment decisions. Leaders of a newly-formed proposals were published, and workers' council, which will the suggestion for equal powermeet for the first time on Feb-sharing, without a third inderuary 28, are aiming at power parity with the board by the end of the year. The plan was prepared by Mr Mark Young, general secretary of the British Airline Pilots' Association.

He said yesterday: "It is not important whether the on the Government to imple-work is done by employees on the board, or whether there is worker-involvement in the the board, or whether there is some other mechanism where-nationalized sector." by they have the power to

Some shop stewards at Brittish Airways, including those from the Transport and Gen-Workers' Union, the biggest union in the concern, are negotiating structure on terms pressing for the early introduc-

tion of worker representatives

private industry.

The strategy will be discreation of British Airways, and talks with meeting, and talks with management will follow. The idea was put forward by Mr Young long before the Bullock proposals were published and

pendent force, appears to go further than Bullock. Mr Young, who is also chair-man of the trade union side of the National Joint Council for against them." Civil Air Transport, added: "There is enormous pressure

He believed workers should be involved in decisions about reach decisions jointly on issues that directly affect them. I do not see us putting people on the board straight sions about aircraft replacement for the cargo division.
The workers council will concentrate on power-sharing, leaving intact the present

Mr Young maintained yester on the board, in accordance day that employees had gained with the Bullock proposal for much experience through the

Times.

hospital.

Mr William Benson, chairman of the overseas division of the joint shop stewards' committee, said: "I hope that by the end of the year we shall be well on the way to having equal power with the board, working with them and not

British Airways last night welcomed the unions initia-tive. It said there was a clear advantage in having a proper mechanism by which a joint union view on non-contractual matters could be formulated.

"Clearly, the trade unions needed to come to a view on this issue in the general context of participation in British Airways", a statement said.
"The board of BA have therefore decided to begin a parallel consultation with senior management in BA to decide how best to respond to the union initiative."

Labour executive aims | 'Harmless' toxins at Lords abolition for sale by David Leigh olitical Staff Cabinet ministers, Mrs Williams Abolition of the House of and Mr Benn, 16 backbenchers ords is to be now forward as and two Johann and tw

of amendments were anything but uncontroversial "tidying-

up" amendments that could be handled elsewhere.

of Lords as undemocratic with a built-in Tory majority that interferes with Labour legis-lation. Reform of Commons

procedure, already being investigated by a select com-

mittee, and steps towards more

open scrutiny of government are the group's answers to complaints that the Commons

men in the Lords would be con-

more legitimate and hence even

A Chamber set up to mirror

tinues: "The PLP strongly believes that there should be

lished procedure for the elec-tion of the leader of the parliamentary party" and sets out the following five reasons.

out the following five reasons.

1: Any change in the system could have profound constitutional implications in that the leader of the parliamentary party who becomes Prime Minister must command the support of the parliamentary party in the House of Commons, and it is essential therefore to avoid any possibility of conflict.

or commer. 2: The present system has worked swiftly and efficiently, and the last election of leader in March, 1976,

more truculent.

able people.

Labour leadership election

Labour MPs are likely to no change in their long estab-

of conflict.

is itself overworked.

Labour objects to the House

Abolition of the House of and two Labour peers. A third official Labour Party policy, Cabinet minister, Mr Foot, the parional executive commit- has said he wants the Lords official Labour Party policy, the national executive committee hopes. It is working towards abolished.
They are ference this autumn Publishing the findings of an

executive committee working than half the Commons Bills party vesterday, Mr Eric Heffer, sent to the Lords were MP, its chairman, said aboli-amended, and only a handful tion should become part of the next manifesto, and if Labour won the next election the Lords might cease to exist by the 1980s.

He had originally been in favour of a reformed second vinced during the group's studies that a unicameral system was the only answer. Safeguards would be needed

and there were residual difficulties still to be worked on. They included the present revising and Supreme Court functions of the Lords, and a technical difficulty about the state opening of Parliament. The Queen opens Parliament from the Lords because she is not allowed into the Commons.

Mr Heffer suggested that a ceremonial convening of the Lords might be needed. The power of prime-minis-terial patronage clearly pur many members of the group off

schemes for reform of the second Chamber at present being canvassed by Tory peers and a group of backbench Labour peers. "The question of patronage is of great importance". Mr Heffer said yesterday. "If you

allow one man to have a tremendous amount of patronage plainly this is a position of great power and influence". Patronage should be limited as much as possible.

The working party has not commons party strengths would yet considered the honours involve too much patronage. system as such, but the proposals to abolish the Lords have elected Chamber because it already been approved by the home policy committee and the for the public and would set up full national executive coma body tempted to clash with

By George Clark

tion of a leader.

Political Correspondent

endorse a motion next Tuesday asking that there should be no change from the present system under which the Parliamentary

Labour Party chooses the party leader. They will be rejecting ideas advanced at the last party conference that the whole party should be involved in the elec-

The MPs have been asked for

their opinion by a special com-nittee of the national executive

committee which was set up to define the office of leader and

"to consider appropriate means of widening the electorate in-volved in the choice of leader"

Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chairman of the PLP, will move a resolution next week setting out

its views. It was drawn up by

the party liaison committee on which members in both the

Commons and Lords are repre-

change is opposed

By our Porliamentary Staff
The sale of bacteria for civil research requirements was not a new departure for the Porton Down research establishment, but their offer by way of public advertisements was, Mr Gilbert, They argued that the case for a full-scale revising Cham-ber had been overstated. Fewer Minister of State for Defence said in Commons written

replies vesterday. He had been asked whether ministerial approval was given for the advertisement by the establishment that appeared in Nature on December 2.

Mr Gilbert said the sale was

approved in the normal way. It was consistent with the announcement on November 19 that the future of the establish-ment depended on civil require-

ments.
"The bacteria are not dangerous pathogens and are sold solely for research", he said. The reference to "any destina-tion" was to make it clear that export inquiries were welcomed. He said the sale of microbial

The group rejected the idea products in 1976 brought in £62,000. Most of the materials of simply weakening the present power of the Lords. It thought it would still need offered were harmless strains. Only four bacterial species, two animal virus types and the to be a more representative and the enterotoxins could be regarded as possibly harmful to man.

"These Making enough Labour peers to swamp the Conservatives would involve too much patron-

"These are supplied only to age. Putting European MPs and Scottish and Welsh assemblybona-fide customers at recognized laboratories or research institutes and dispatched in full fusing and inappropriate, and make the second Chamber feel conformity with the inter-national regulations."

A nominated body, with representatives from various fields, would not be tempted to challenge the elected Commons, starved but it might be unacceptably corporatist, still subject to patronage, and unrewarding to baby jailed

The parents of a baby who starved to death after being left starved to death after being left alone in a dark cupboard for long periods were each jailed yesterday for four years. They were found guilty of manslaughter and cruelty by causing unnecessary suffering.

Tony Simmons, aged 28, and his wife, Jean, aged 24, both of Walden Road, Sheffield denied the charges.

the charges.
Sentencing them at Sheffield Crown Court, Mr Justice Croom-Johnson said that nobody could have looked at photographs of the boy or listened to the evidence without a sense of

horror and despair.

It was stated that the boy, Ian, aged 2½, died the day after being taken to hospital looking little more than a skeleton and weighing 19lb.

£500,000 fund to return Temple Bar

An appeal for £500,000, to pay for the moving of Temple Bar back to London, where it spanned the junction of Fleet Street and the Strand from 1672 until 1878 was launched vertically.

election of leader in March, 1976, exemplified its efficacy.

3: The PLP, consisting as it does of people who have been selected as candidates by their general management committees and elected as MPs by Labour supporters in the constituencies, is a democratic electoral body.

4: The members of the PLP are in the best position to know the qualities and the character of the candidates for leadership.

5: A change from present pracyesterday.

The Temple Bar Trust hopes to raise £200,000 in Britain to bring Sir Christopher Wren's vandalized and decaying gateway from its present posi-tion in Theobald's Park, Hertfordshire, to a site near St

The trust, which is chaired by Sir Hugh Wontner, has received an American pledge to raise £300,000.

Police chief ends

a house in Abbey Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, yesterday as Det Chief Supt Charles Naan, head of the county CID, went

time next. Tuesday. The occasion will be the quarterly discussion with foreign ministers of the Nine on progress made in EEC political cooperation. house after a bus conductor had ejected them from his meeting on Monday at Lan-caster House to discuss the Community's relations with Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

Later, two men were being interviewed by the police.

Norfolk Policy and Resources Committee is proposing a rate rise of 9.8 per cent from 55.2p to 60.6p in the pound. That is lower than the increases pro- gency calls in protest against a posed by some other county

Prisoners tell of drugging and maltreatment that he was imagining the under strict medical supervi-pain. Subsequent X-rays sion, and that any aggrieved revealed that his imagination prisoner can take up his com-

Further evidence of inmates at Gartree maximum security prison, Leicestershire, being drugged and maltreated, and of prison officers using violence after the Hull riot, has

such an extent that he failed to recognize men who knew

him when they saw him in the

cell dressed only in a

was not to blame, but pneumonia was." Another man describes an come into the hands of The

near to strangling him with a towel, beat him about the head A smuggled report from a prisoner in Gartree supports allegations published earlier and body. He received severe injuries." The author says that this week of drugs being used three prisoners, including two to control inmates. He urites : "After several weeks of solserving terms for IRA offences, wanted to be called itary confinement one man sufas witnesses to the incident. fered a mental breakdown, and "As a measure of retaliawas placed under the tender mercies of our medical staff, who, following the usual treattion", the prisoner continues. "the officers are charging him with assault. He in no way ment practices, drugged him to assaulted prison officers on

are being covered up." "He later began to complain Both reports were written inabout chest pains, and because of this was placed in a padded drugs are administered there faces." jacket, since it was decided

Programme for inner cities

launched by Tory MP

From John Young

Planning Reporter

observed.

Politicians of all parties have

ignored the plight of the inner cities because the issue offers

no electoral advantages, Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP

for Worcester and a former Secretary of State for the

Environment, said last night.

by those members sitting for

the worst city areas you will

find it somewhat limited", he

"The Labour Party has, over

the decades, come to take these

seats for granted. The Tory

party, because it looks on them as safe Labour sears, and not

marginal to be won in elections,

has not devoted anything like

the concentration it should to this desperate national prob-lem."

Parliament showed a remark-

able lack of interest, and local

government had never taken

ing a conference in Bristol

sponsored jointly by The Sun-day Times and the Gulbenkian

Foundation, predicted that if a

Immorality, not

two young men accused of intercourse with girls under age, said at the Central Crimi-

nal Court yesterday that it was

immorality, more than criminal-

of Hinchley Wood, Surrey, admitted four charges of unlawful intercourse with two girls of 13 and 15, and asked for 23 similar

charges to be considered. He was fined £20. "You must restrain yourself", the judge

The European Parliament's political affairs committee will meet in London for the first

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Firemen in Essex yesterday

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the initiative it should. Mr Walker, who was address-

If you examine the amount of debate and discussion that has been provoked and created

plaint through the usual channels.

Two more prisoners at Hull attack on a prisoner in Gar have given strikingly similar tree's E wing punishment accounts of a breakfast inci-block. "Prison officers came dent after the riot there last dent after the riot there last bounce off the wall." September. One, now in Leeds The prisoner also alle prison, some: "I was kicked, that he was assaulted kneed and punched by dozens several prison officers in oi serens concern was 'Don't mark his

and I heard a screw shour; 'never mind, he'll bounce off the walls. He was shoved into dished in The Times. view and his face was smoththat day or any other. Bruta- ered in rei jam. A hospital ducting its own inquiry into-lity and victimization are an screw who was standing at the riot, under Mr G. W. everyday occurrence here, and foot of the stairs, thinking it Fowler, Chief Inspector of everyday occurrence here, and

A second man, writing from Leicester prison, says: "When I got to the fund trolley my head was forced into a tray of red jam, then I was pushed downstairs and crashed off the landing wall. One screw housed: 'See how they

The prisoner also alleges that he was assaulted by several prison officers in his cell. The door flew open and down three flights of stairs, they bundled me on the floor and all the time their only and started to much me in the and started to punch me in the nack, kidneys. One gave me a kick between the legs which nearly caused me to faint." "Then ceme another man, The accounts endorse earlier reports of the incident pub-

The Home Office is still conwas blood, ran over with a Prisons. In the absence of an towel and wiped his face. That independent investigation the side Gartree last week. The is how concerned they were at Preservation of the Rights of Home Office has said that not wanting to mark our Prisoners (Prop) group is trydrugs are administered there faces."

Rise in complaints

The number of cases deter-mined by the Director of Public

Wales from 1,809 in 1971 to 3.131 in 1975. The figures in-

1975. Of the 1,005 cases, the DPP recommended prosecution in 14, with 19 leading to conviction in the year (including traffic offences) and five to acquite

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against police By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent The number of complaints against the police rose from 12,271 in 1971 to 19,205 in 1975,

according to a parliamentary written reply yesterday by Mr. Rees, Home Secretary. But cases leading to criminal charges, including those for traffic offences, rose from only 90 in 1971 to 128 in 1975.

clude allegations of traffic offences

The peak year for the Metro-politan Police, whose figures are included in the total, was 1972. The figure for the force then reached 1,005 cases determined by the DPP, compared with 713 in 1971 and 801 in

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Two detectives fined for / / U journausts end strike after nine weeks police armoury theft

similar conference were held in. By Tim Jones say, three years' time, matters Labour Staff would be much worse.

Seventy journalists employed by the East Midlands Allied ernment and the Opposition were emotionally involved in accept recommendations made hostility to public expenditure. by the TUC's printing industries committee to end their by the TUC's printing industhat one must be rather care-ful about such ventures as fringe benefits. nine-week dispute over better

spokesman said they would seek an assurance tha members who had "defected to the rival Institute of Journalists would rejoin the NUJ. The agreement also increases

loss of tax receipts and National Insurance contributions, yet "free collective bargaining" surrounded by buildings needing renovation. Unemployment traint policy ends.

Another dispute involving NUJ members was settled yesterday when journalists at Mercury House, a big London publishing company, returned to work after a five-week official spriba cial strike. An agreement signed vesterday gives a job-evaluation scheme, improved redundancy terms and imredundancy terms and im-proved sick pay. A claim for a post-entry NUJ closed shop was not granted. charge but cleared on the ing retirement.

Sun rises 7.22 am

Last Quarter : 4.7 am.

Two men who were in other. Sergeant

Donald Gordon Bradford, aged 50, of Wordsworth Road, Horfield, Bristol, and Detective

Bristol. All denied two joint charges lost auything. The of stealing antique weapons from Bristol police armoury, where they had worked Mr McGill denied a further charge of bandling a further charge of handling a stolen rifle.

The jury found Mr McGill, with 25 years' police service, guilty on two charges of theft, but not guilty of the handling

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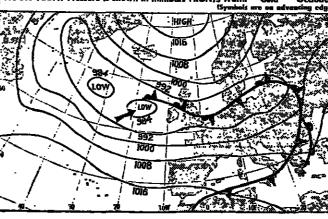
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Weather forecast and recordings



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Irish Sea: Wind F
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South; sea moderate (

London: Temp: max 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); 1 to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). 6 pm, 70 per cent. to 6 pm, 0.22in. Sut 6 pm, nil. Bar. mean 6 pm, 983.6 millibars, 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

1,000 Square Deal skiing holidays at £77.

Commons and Lords are represented.

It notes that since the PLP's formation in 1906 the leader has always been elected by its members in the Commons. It consistence is a consistency of the leader are elected exclusively by councillors.

See your travel agent, ring 01-388 7361 or 061-833 9611 or turn to the classified travel pages on the double and to the classified travel pages on the double and



couple's ordeal Armed policemen surrounded

in alone and persuaded two armed men to release Mr Keith Buckliffe and his wife, Joan, who had been held there for three hours.

The two men went to the

Rate rise proposed

| Mr Shore to study Bath

At the moment both the Gov-

There were 250,000 unem-

ployed construction workers, many living in inner cities, cost-ing the country some 5600m a

year in unemployment pay,

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some areas exceeded 60 per cent and had grown worse.

designated districts of housing,

educational and unemployment

difficulties was needed. Once that had been published a pro-gramme of public expenditure

could be drawn up over five or 10 years to bring those

districts up to somewhere near

A house-to-house analysis in

considered by Mr Shore, Secrea pity that they had been brought to that court for trial. He told Gary Lesley Hurley, aged 17, of Shepperton, who admitted making a girl of 15 pregnant: "In certain circumstances this can be a serious offence, but in your case it is not a serious one. This is immorality, more than criminal. tary of State for the Environment. He has 21 days to decide

whether to call a public inquiry into the scheme, which has met with widespread local opposition.

Avon Planning and Highways Committee approved the application on Wednesday on

immoratty, more than criminality, and I am not here to deal with immorality. I am here to deal with crime. The youth was given a conditional discharge for two years.

David John Harvey, aged 18, the casting vote of Mr William Mather Bell, the chairman. It was the second time the council had considered an application by Horstmann Gear Ltd to develop the land.

Warning

The health department of Reading council issued a warning yesterday about dried mashed potato imported from Canada containing phenol, a substance used in disinfectants.

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The potato, which was analysed after a complaint, is marketed under the name Bright Star. About 40 tons was stopped at docks, but a further 40 tons had been distributed.

Disabled boy decapitated

judge tells youth
Judge Clarke, QC, sentencing
An application to An application to build a factory in Bath on land designated as residential under the city's development plan is to be

Dried-potato

Last Quarter: 4.7 am.
Lighting up: 5.38 pm to 6.51 am.
High Water: London Bridge,
6.22 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 7.2 pm,
6.5m (21.5ft). Avonmouth, 11.52
am, 11.1m (36.5ft). Dover, 3.36
am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 4.14 pm, 5.9m
(19.3ft). Hull, 11.6 am, 6.3m
(20.8ft); 11.30 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft),
Liverpool, 3.57 am, 8.3m (27.2ft);
4.21 pm, 8.2m (28.9ft). A depression will move from N England to the North Sea. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands : Occasional

showers, bright spells; wind SW. Outle moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F). day: Jonathan Gleave, aged nine, of High Legh, Cheshire, who suffered from muscular dystrophy, was decapitated in an accident at his home on Wednesday night.

His wheelchair tilted in a special lift to his bedroom, and his head and shoulders were forced againer a room plate. An

forced against a ramp plate. An inquiry will be held:

charge of a police armoury acquitted on both were fined at Bristot Crown Court yesterday on being found guilty of stealing weapons. A Special Branch officer, was cleared of two similar charges. In every case. Mr Justice Dun. McGill f400 and circle were fined at Bristol Crown

ful about such ventures as saving inner cities.

But one of the most useless forms of public expenditure consisted of huge payments for unemployment.

Indeed, dispute over better fringe benefits.

Under the agreement the National Union of Journalists retired detective sergeant, of charges of theft consisted of huge payments for unemployment.

Indeed, dispute over better fringe benefits.

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Sergeant John Dark, aged 39, prosecution, said now a Special Branch officer, offences related 1 fringe benefits and allows for of Jubilee Road, Kingswood, weapons surrender

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Mr Thomas Field

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Lake District, Isle of Man. NE England. Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain at times, some snow also, chiefly on hills; wind NE, fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Edinburgh. Dundee. Aberdeen. Moon rises: Moon sets: 1.17 am 10.42 am

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Morray Firth: Cecasional Snow or rain, heavy at times; wind NE fresh or strong; max temp 3°C (37°F).

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Her cuts NUT leader denounces St Anne's

Rank and File, the militant left-wing teachers ginger group was attacked last night group was attacked last night by Mr Frederick Jarvis, gen-eral secretary of the National Union of Teachers.

Speaking at Ulverston, Cumbria, Mr Jarvis condemned
Rank and File as a "selfappointed politically inspired
group which holds the rules
and policies of the union in
complete contempt."

Ke said the group, which promoted unofficial action, was breaking the rules of the union and challenging the union and challenging the basis for action laid down by the executive and approved by an overwhelming majority the annual conference.

"This very small minority is in effect telling the majority of the members of the union that they wish to impose their minority view on the rest of the union and to take action as they please and not in conforthe union and to take action as they please and not in confor-mity with the policies decided by the majority." Mr Jarvis denied that the NUT was indebted to unofficial action for its successful campaigns on school meal duties, the interim pay award and the London

allowance.

"That is a perversion of the truth, for in each case the action taken by the membership was official action and it was approved and led by the executive of the day."

The NUT has about 290,000

members and Rank and File's 1.500 members are in about eighty groups. Mr Jarvis described Rank and File as a political organization with no connexion with the union.

teaching ginger group

unofficial action has met with virtually no success outside a few parts of the London area and very little success within the London area, but the waole membership of the is being attempted and what

the real issues are."

Mr Jarvis said the central question was who should run the NUT: the executive, who the NUT: the executive, who were democratically elected by the members, or the Rank and File group. Were policies endorsed by the annual conference to prevail, or those dreamt up by outside groups and so-called school branches which had no standing as tar as union policy-making was

Mr Jarvis accused outside groups of cynically seeking to exploir the concern of members who were anxious about the state of teachers' un-employment and the education cuts. "It is absolutely essen-tial however that the arrior , however, that the action take is disciplined and in the union and the decisions of conference and the executive." It was regrettable that NUT members at the Little Ilford in Newham, London had taken unofficia action had to be disciplined, but events in the school during the past year had made it absolutely olear that disciplin-

general The warned other teachers thinking of taking unofficial action to heed what had happened and to conform to the rules and

proceedings were inev

College, Oxford, may admit men

From Our Correspondent

become the first of the five women's colleges at Oxford to admit men as members. It al-ready has a man for treasurer, Mr Bernard Halstead, who is a member of the college govern

ing body. The college is seeking to amend its statutes to allow men as well as women to become fellows; if approved, that would open the way for a man to pecome principal.

The present principal, Mrs Nancy Trenuman, says the col-lege is not thinking of opening its student membership to men as well as women. The present move is intended to remove doubts about the employment of

The college has, in addition to he principal, 23 women fellows, 350 undergraduates and 130 graduates. 30 graduates. St Peter's College also wants to amend its statutes so as to admit women to fellowships. Similarly, the move is not intended as a first step towards the general admission of women.

Profession or union? Professor Max Beloff explains

why he has left the Association of University Teachers; David Walker reports on the growing demand for a British Brookings, and Jane Monahan writes on higher education in Argentina, all in The Times Higher Educa-

Not even a nod between British and Irish delegations

Acrimony at Strasbourg over allegations of torture

Belfast, Dublin and London the legal wrangling over torture allegations which ended in the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg on Wednesday, after final submissions had been made, may have seemed irrelevant to the continuing violence in Northern Ireland. But there is no question about the damage it has inflicted on

Britain's international reputa-tion long before the verdict. As the detailed arguments were presented by the opposing attorneys-general, the members of the large press corps who showed the keenest interest were Mr Eugene Babenko and Vselvod O. Ouchimikov, repre-senting respectively Tass and Pravda. Every night they filed lengthy accounts to Moscow about the murky events in about the murky events in Ulster interrogation centres more than five years ago. Soviet television was also at the hear-ing and Council of Europe officials were in no doubt that anti-British propaganda was being gathered in advance of the East-West conference

The proceedings of the court were not designed to provide courtroom drama, even the subject was as emotive as torture. The 18 judges, including two women, semi-circle, and sat in a wide listened to speeches without interrupting.

scheduled for Belgrade later

They will meet in private session before delivering an interim verdict which will rule how the next session in April

is due to proceed. Dwarfed by the newly opened Maison de l'Europe, the court is an anonymous marble-walled room that looks Tre like a conference centre. The judges wear black robes but no wigs, and there is little of the graviand there is hitle of the gravi-tes of a British court, with cameramen permitted to wan-der around and a telephone ringing frequently in the cor-

Evidence in the case was given in English by the two delegations, consisting in all of 23 Irish and British lawyers and officials. It is a mark of the acrimony that it has aroused that although some have been involved with it since 1971 they never talked or even nocded to one another in mutual agreement, the two delegations stayed in hotels in different parts of the city.

Mr Silkin, judged by legal observers to have been in better form than during the recent Post Office case in the High Court, wore headphones throughout the hearing. He said they were an aid to concentration, and that he was listening to the English language version of the Irish case rather than the instant French

Mr Silkin was replying to Mr Declan Costello, Irish Attorney who rejected the

Mr Costello said the assaults were not mistakes but deliberate acts of brutality.

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Although much of the argument was technical, the friction that the affair provoked between the two supposedly friendly governments apparent throughout. apparent throughout. The British made no secret in private of there belief that the Irish were pursuing the case for political capital. Dublin officials maintained on the other hand that it could have been solved years ago if Britain had taken the soldiers and policemen involved to court. For European human rights legislation the hearing was a milestone, as it was the first between two governments in the 18-year-history of the court Ironically, the first case ever to come before it in 1961 was launched against the Irish Government by a suspected IRA man alleging that its use of internment had been a breach understand the Irish situation

three days ago", a Strasbourg official said last night. "Now I understand it even less." Mr Silkin had told on Wednesday the court that soldiers serving in Ulster were subject to the normal judicial pro-Since "February, 1972, he said, 218 members of the security forces had been security prosecuted for assault, and 155

Councils aim to take over health service

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent
The only ultimately satisfactory method of organizing
effective health and personal

government.
That is the main suggestion made by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, represent-ing local authorities in the most densely populated areas of England and Wales, in evidence to the Royal Commission on the NHS, published yesterday.

It points out that until 1974 (NHS reorganization) local (NHS reorganization) local authorities were responsible for community-based health szrvices, and 30 years ago many authorities ran hospital services NES and local authorities were now closely involved not only in care in the community but in education, environmental health and housing. But pre-sent arrangements for working together were inadequate. Too few local authority members were appointed to area and regional bealth authorities, and those who were found their powers and responsibilities unclear and restricted.

Joint consultative committees.

established to link services, had no "teeth". Increasing demands were being made on local community-based services without resources and there was almost permanent conflict be-tween health and personal social services staif on difficulties such as admissions and discharges to and from hospital of the elderly, the mentally ill and the disabled.

School strike planned against cuts

Members of the National Union of Teachers are threaten-ing to withdraw their services from schools in Hereford and Worcester next Thursday in protest against planned reductions of about £6m in the county council's education budget.

They are being asked to attend a demonstration at Hereford, where the council will consider its budget.

The NUT stated that the authority's education committee had already agreed to cuts of more than £4m; involving the loss of 180 teaching posts. If the council agreed to a 69p rate further cuts of more than £2m in education would be needed. That would probably mean the loss of 450 more jobs.

without use

He says he is still consider ing whether, in relation to complaints he receives, the In-

land Revenue's present policy of interest charges on unpaid tax is one he would be justified

in accepting without further comment.

After mentioning specific cases, the Ombudsman discusses some of the difficulties in deciding the respective jurisdictions of the parliamentary commissioner and the courts. He notes particularly the situation

sometimes experienced in de-ciding whether a complainant would have a remedy in the

courts if alleging a lack of natural justice in the way he

has been treated by a depart-

Reference is also made to areas of action in planning

matters where issues referred to him may be of a kind he can accept for investigation only by exercising his discretion to set aside the provisions

that normally prevent him from

investigating matters where a remedy is available in the courts. Sir Idwal says he will be seeking further guidance on

that from the parliamentary select committee.

Second report of the Parliament-ary Commissioner for Administra-tion.—Annual Report for 1976 (Smionery Office, 75p).

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Customers 'in danger of food poisoning' From Our Correspondent

Customers at a restaurant specializing in old-fashioned panquets were in danger of food poisoning because of an appalling lack of cleanliness, magistrates at Yorkshire, were told yesterday. Yorkshire, were told yestern. Fines and costs totalling £1,600 were imposed on the Tower Entertainments Group, of which admitted 17 Leeds, which admitted 17 offences under the food hygieue regulations at its Forge Inn restaurant, near York.

Mr John Harbottle, for the prosecution, said that health officials discovered mouse droppings, grease, old food, cobwebs and foul-smelling refrigerators. They were horrified and considered closing the restaurant down immediately. They were told that the company had relied on kitchen staff to do the relied on kitchen staff to do the

cleaning.

Mr Michael Shepherd, for the defence, said the officers' visit resulted in an immediate board. meeting, at which the chel tendered his resignation. The company had only recently acquired the Forge Inn and realized that the kitchen facilio awarded to conaid yesterday that
one of 40 brought
the Fair Trading

realized that the kitchen facilities were inadequate. It had
already spent £2,000 cleaning up
the kitchens which now "shone
like a new pin" and planned
to spend £20,000 more on improvements.

These are typical of the comments we receive: **PRIVATE OWNERS**

Mrs. Joy Gordon, Ramsgate, Kent: "My Datsun Sunny Coupe has now done 181,000 miles. I travel 200 miles daily and have had no mechanical failures other than a replacement alternator. Reliability is the key factor and in the Datsun I have found it."

Mr. D. L. Epps, Near Tonbridge, Kent: "I own a 1972 Datsun Bluebird 160B which I have now driven for over 98,000 miles. When I bought this car, I gambled that it might turn out to be reliable and economical. On both counts it has exceeded all expectations...I cannot praise this car enough?

* Mr. W. Luck, Luck School of Motoring, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire: "My 1973 Datsun Sunny has covered 218,275 miles and is still running well on the same engine. It has not had an easy life, being a driving instructor's car for four years. Thank you for a car which has given such a wonderful service, a car which cannot

★ Mr.G.Davies, Snowdon School of Motoring, Caernarion: "My Sunny 4-door saloon has done 158,000 miles and has never let me down. The first replacement was a new clutch plate at 147,000 miles. I go out in the morning and I know I am going to

* Mr. Bob Davis, Air Call Communications Ltd., Dunstable, Beds: "We have over 80 Datsuns in the U.K. equipped with radio telephones in use 24 hours a day doing very high mileage sometimes on emergency medical calls. We have stied other cars and came back to Datsun because we must have the reliability and low running costs."

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Judge recommends that IRA bombers should serve a minimum of 30 years in prison

Ey Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent

Mr Justice Cantley, sentenc-ing the four Provisional IRA men who waged a campaign of bombings and shootings in Britain in 1975 to life sen-tences, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he would recommend that they should serve a minimum of 30

As each one was escorted in to the dock of number 2 Court at the end of the 13-day trial the judge said: "I will recommend to the Home Secretary that you serve not less than 30 years without

reference to the court." reference to the court."

Within the space of 20 minutes Mr Justice Cantley sentenced the four men.

Martin Joseph O'Connell, seed 25, of Lower Market Street, Ennis, co Clare; Edward Butler, aged 28, of St. Elanassan's Terrace Limerick.

Flannagan's Terrace, Limerick, and Harry Duggan, aged 24, of Feakle, co Clare, were each convicted on 20 charges and given 12 life sentences, 21 years for manslaughter, six 20 year sentences and one sen-

Hugh Doherty, aged 26, of Crossbank Road, Glasgow, was convicted on 18 charges and as given 11 life sentences. 21 years for manslaughter, five sentences of 20 years and one of 18 years.

Three of the men spoke during the brief moments they were brought singly into court. Harry Duggan ran up the steps



Mrs Ross McWhirter, widow of the author (Diary, page 14)

from his cell into the dock, leant against the rail, faced the judge and said: "I am not listening to any of this English rubbish. Will I be allowed to make a statement?" Mr Justice Cantley silenced

O'Connell, merely Martin listened to the judge passing sentence and then turned and shouted: "Up the Provos", before being led to his cell below the court. Hugh Doherty looked up at the public gallery to his sister and called: "Good luck, Mary."

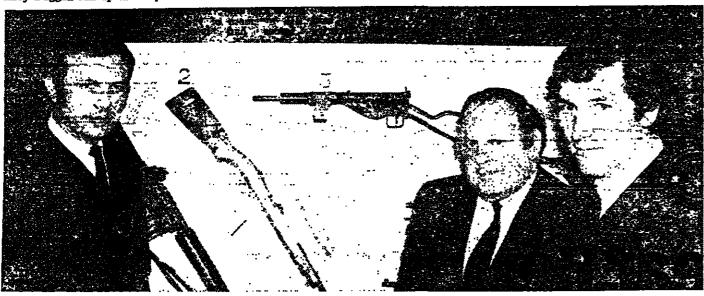
Mathew, chief Treasury toursel, who led for the Crown, and referred to the Balcombe Street siege, saying: "I take the view that the hostages' lives were perpetually in danger. If the police had broken in the terrorists would have a mondard. rorists would have murdered them merely for the vile satisfaction of thwarting the police in their rescue.

"I have been dealing so far with criminals who call themselves soldiers, fighting and shooting unarmed men and murdering unprotected women, sneaking up and throwing a bomb through a restaurant window before running away.

"I want now to commend men of true worth: unarmed policemen who faced and chased these criminals, and the bombdisposal officers like Major Biddle, Major Henderson and Captain Cole, who staked their lives against the chance of being able to make a bomb safe for others."

The judge made special men-tion of two officers, Det Inspector Henry Dowswell and Inspector John Purnell, who dodged gunfire from the four defendants after they had been cornered in Balcombe Street. "I realize that there were

other policemen who showed great courage and devotion to duty but were not identified during the trial, he said. I hope they will receive the recognition they undoubtedly deserve. The public is very formulate to have the projection tunate to have the protection of men such as these."



Inspector John Purnell (left), and Det Inspector Henry Dowdswell (centre), commended by the judge, and Sergeant Philip McVeigh, who also confronted the gummen, with some of the weapons produced during the trial.

Shattered lives in the aftermath of the killings

The shattered lives and personal tragedies that followed in the wake of the bombers will prohably never be fully re-In tree-lined Campden Hill.

Square, Kensington, London, the full impact of one tragedy could immediately be felt. It was there on October 23, 1975, that a big bomb was left under the car belonging to Mr Hugh Fraser, the Conservative MP. It exploded when his neighbour, Professor Gordon Hamilton children took his dogs for an

early-morning walk. The bombers' innocent victim, Mr Hamilton Fairley, one of the country's leading experts in cancer research, spared time from his laboratory at St Eartholomew's Hospital, London, only for his family.

At his home, more than 15 months after his death, his widow, Daphne, a speech thera-

rist, who spends much of her time teaching children to over-come speech abnormalities, said: "I have just sold this house and I hope that I shall be able to use the end of this case to push me on as it were someto push me on as it were some-how into the future. I cannot tell you how I feel but I have tried to express myself by writ-ing it down."

ing it down."

On a sheet of paper torn from a notebook was written:
I am not political in any way and still do not feel bitter towards Ireland or the Irish; but as a mother and someone who has always dealt with the problems of people in difficulties, it seems to me they are behaving rather like delinquent children. They are being wasteful, and tragically destructive, and, indeed, often inept as well, without really achieving any end.

as well, without really achieving any end.
To kill leaders of the community, like the director of Dupont, is simless to say the least, as he was presumably, indirectly, helping to house, feed and clothe a lot of Irish families.
My husband had, I know, over the years unstintingly tried to spec-

sense? It certainly causes innocent people, like oursleves, months if not years of numb, gaping sadness.

As an oral postcript Mrs Hamilton Fairley added: "I cannot feel harred for the people who killed Gordon. I can hardly feel anything any more. The children have taken it very hard; their father was such a loving, caring family man."

From Campden Hill Square one has to travel only a mile or so east to Balcombe Street. St Marylebone, to become aware of the six-day siege in the firstfloor living room of Mr and Mrs John Matthews's flat.

On the night of December 6, 1975, Mr Matthews, aged 56, a Post Office supervisor, and his wife, Sheila, aged 53, decided to spend a quiet evening at home watching television. He

Suddenly there was a terrific com-motion outside and I opened the balcony door. I saw police cars

I did not hang about, and went

For the next six days and five nights I was forced to lie on the

chair. From the moment they burst in come out alive. It is still a night-

Relaxing, ironically on the same leather settee, Matthews added:



Mrs Hamilton-Fairley, widow of the cancer expert killed by a bomb, and Mr John Matthews one of the Balcombe Street hostages.

well as lecturing and teaching officers were hiding behind their very angry and began blaming vehicles. One of them shouted to us, the British, for just about me to go back inside as there everything that had gone wrong sense? It certainly causes innocent were armed men about. in the world since time began.
We did not dare to try to reason
with them after that, just speaking when we were spoken to. They
did not ill treat us in any
physical way, in fact most of the
time they behaved as if we were
not there.

I did not hang about, and went inside. There was a ring at the door and I thought it was the police. I opened it. Instead it was these four young Irishmen, all carrying hand guns and one also had a machine gun. Sheila developed chronic back trouble while she was trussed up in the armchair and after the field

settee while my wife was across the room curled up on an arm-

I can say it now, I feel sorry for those four young men. I cannot say the same for the thugs who sent them to Britain. They are the ones who should be in the

A strange thing nappened while we were kept prisoner in our own flat; my wife and I found that we could communicate without actually speaking to each other. We found that we were passing messages to each other with the merest flicker of an eyelid, or an unnoticed movement of the body, which, of course, meant nothing to the others in the room.

poisoned it. They were not taking any chances.

A strange thing happened while

two years in suicide case

A woman who tried to persude her elderly mother to commit suicide was sentenced at Lewes Crown Court, Sussex, yesterday, to two years' im-prisonment. Mrs Yolande McShane, aged 60, sat in the dock with her head on her hands and then shook her head

HOME NEWS

Mr Justice Purchas told Mrs had been motivated by the desire to benefit from a will. payer.

towards the jury.

"Such is the seriousness of this offence in the eyes of the law and in public opinion and so frequent and private are the opportunities upon which avaricious people can fall into temptation, I must make abundantly clear that for such crimes penalties must be severe", he

Mrs McShane, a grandmother, had been found guilty of trying to persuade her mother, aged 36, to commit suicide. The jury was told that Mrs McShane owed more than £200,000 and had wasted her mother to die. had wanted her mother to die so that she might inherit her

Mrs McShane, of Lanlivery Manor, Lanlivery, Cornwall, was convicted of attempting to aid, abet, counsel or procure the suicide of her mother, Mrs Edith Mott. The jury also found her guilty of attempting to cause her mother to take a drug so as to endanger her life.

The jury reached its verdicts after seeing a film secretly made by the police who recorded a visit by Mrs McShane to her mother. During a visit to a nursing home near Centres Working groun Burgess Hill. Sussex, Mrs represents all independ McShane gave her ailing mother centres in the country. The council, which has a bunch of flowers and some Nembural sleeping tablets to kill herself.

Mr Gerard Wright, QC, for the defence of Mrs McShane, said she was in very poor health. It was Mrs Mott herself who first put forward the idea

"I do hope that in the course of this case the evidence has not justified the suggestion that whatever was done was done for money, just for greed, and no other purpose", he said.

Later, Mrs Pamela Large, who reported Mrs McShane, mitted in the south-west last cretic her sister, to the police, said year fell by 408 to 37.760, Mr healt she was not considering seeing John Alderson, Chief Constable conviber solicitor about the will. of Devon and Cornwall, said.

Daughter is | Airport-security costs | In brief | jailed for | will mush un fares | Commuter will push up fares

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Air fares from Britain will rise by about \$1 a head next vear as a result of a government decision to stop paying for airport security.

The cost of security now some: £12m a year, is expected to rise to at least £14m by 1978. The Department of Trade has told airlines and the British Airports Authority that t will not be responsible after 1977, and the money will have McShane that he believed she to be recovered from passengers, rather than from the tax-

Airlines and the Tour Opera-The study group, for example, has said that the concept of

curbs law centre

By Our Legal Correspondent Birmingham City Council has decided to close an indepen-dent law centre which, last year, handled more than three thousand cases in one of the main districts of deprivation.

The council has told the centre, at Salt'ev, east Birming-nam, that it will not be applying for an urban aid grant to

enable it to continue its work.
The decision has been criticized by community workers in the area and by the Law represents all independent law

The council, which has given no specific reason for its decision, has suggested that the legal work done at Saltley should in future be done by Small Heath Community Law Centre.

of suicide and said that her death would benefit her two maintain that although the two areas are next to each other they are separate communities with different identities and

> Less crime in Devon The number of crimes com-

the responsibility for the security of the United King-dom lies with the Government and should therefore remain a charge on the Exchequer. Air-

port security, is says, concerns not only the passenger but also the airlines and commercial organizations operating at air-The government proposals

are seen by the tour operators as further evidence for the view held by many in the aviation industry that air passengers are capable of infinite mulcting.".

Consultations between the department and the travel industry on the proposed new tors Study Group have written scale of charges are continuing, to the department in the past and a policy statement is not few days expressing opposition. expected from the government charging for any one part of legislation, and the levy is not airport services in isolation is expected to come in a sceptable.

New rabies proposed By Hugh Clayton

Ministers said yesterday that they wanted new powers to keep Britain free of rabies. An order is to be laid allowing the police to destroy animals that are landed illegally or not properly confined to ships in British ports and to ban native pers from vessels carrying animals from abroad.

Conditions under which foreign animals are kept in ships will be defined more carefully. Ministers believe that the slightest chance of a ship-borne animal escaping to shore must

be eliminated.

Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said: "I still think it is possible to keep rabies out of Britain." The Criminal Law Bill con-

toined a provision for fines of \$1,000 in magistrates' courts against the present limit of 5400. Mr Strang said 125 prosecutions last year had led to five prison sentences and times averaging £214.

There were three thousand reported cases of rabies in France last year, a rise of half on 1975. Ministers had ruled out giving magistrates dis-cretionary power to destroy healthy animals owned by those convicted of illegal imports, he

Commuters coach servic

The Brighton Li muters' Association h

Brighton to London end of March. In case of object other operators, such Rail, the group has f Society for the Pro-Old Buildings in Loring that the traffic signers cannot prove sengers are not London to look at ole rather than to work,

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The Army is to South West District ters from Taunton, Salisbury Plain, it nounced yesterday, its streamlining und Defence Review. From April, the district will have dir of operational forces of which are based o

Moat to be clea

and the Salisbury quarters at Bulford

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paper for West Britain was launche it is called the Warner Post, and is edit in Robert Governder, a nalist born in Sou

Boy in gas blast David Brown, Close, Crewe, one of aged 15, badly bur Crewe on Tuesday.

20 Pakistanis h Twenty Pakistani held in Durham arriving in the T gration officers su some of the mer genuine seamen, a

More home news,

Helmets and screens in all 'Poorer school progre rooms for TV after 1984 week to select all the desired By Our Social Services

By Kenneth Gosling

Television after 1984 might be provided on screens in every room with everybody listening through some kind of comfortable space helmet, Sir Brian Young, director general of the in the armchair and after the held in the armchair and after the held telephone was lowered by the police from the upstairs flat some pain-killing drugs were passed in to help her. But they did no good hecause she was getting hardly any hecause she was getting hardly any food was

No technical difficulty was involved, he said. Every room would have large, thin screens on the walls, turned or tilted towards each viewer. They would be adjusted for channel and volume at the touch of a button on a small box beside each armchair. Each would present a large picture of superb resolution and steadiness and with total colour fidelity. Sound would come through loudspeak-ers or by "space helmer" to the individual viewer. In either case it would be stereo or surround" sound.

Where programmes clashed or came on when people were out or asleep, video-cassette machines would record them; or a clock might be set once a

University sit-in is called off

A sit-in yesterday by members of the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs employed by Birmingham University, who have been on strike for 22 weeks, was called off after talks with union officials.

The dispute, involving 20 technicians, is over the interpretation of a national agreement about holiday entitlement. programmes.

Four national or regional changels, with perhaps two local ones, would be constantly available. Programmes could be beamed in by space satellites from any country.

vision exchange by means Teletext would be available in almost unlimited quantity— "thousands of pages of news, views or even the Muse".

To bis television of the future Sir Brian added an important rider: would there be public demand for all this innovation : would the families of the next decade have the time to use, or the desire to acquire, all the extra frills?

"The future viewer may feel moderately satisfied with the technical facilities he has already and seek only modest improvements in reliability and convenience. Perhaps he will not want almost unlimited choice."

Up to a thousand of the

quarter of a million regugees

who settled in Britain after the

Second World War might be in

desperate need of help as they enter old age, the British Red

Cross Society said yesterday.

About 50,000 are now in their

seventies and some of those, still deeply disturbed by their

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The study is based on the nationally representative sample of children who are being surthe National Child Development Study. The main study covers all children born in Britain in a single week in 1958.

children who had Local authorities should con- at some time by ti

> The study urges particularly at ear present limited t enough to reduce t nificantly, it says.

£19,750 for asbestos vommission Mr Justice Thes

Mr Arthur James Heritage, of Ashford Road, Faversham, Kent, was awarded £19,750 agreed damages and costs in the High Court yesterday for the effects of asbestosis which he contracted while working on power-station con-struction projects.

tracing service, said that about

10 refugees are found each

month in Britain after requests-

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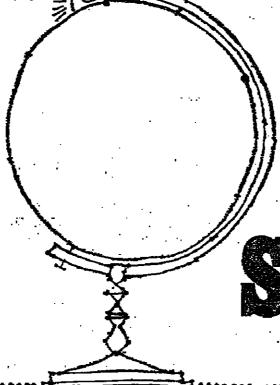
Wartime refugees living like hermits

het mit-like existence, unable to speak English and unaware of services available to them.

Miss Muriel Monkhouse, head they will not fill i of the society's international she said. She asked people shranches of the state they come across need of help. Lan

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pe greeting Queen Sophia of Spain in the Vatican yesterday as King Juan Carlos looks on.

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sionately love liberty", family ries and the historic traditions of their religion.

The visit to Italy of the King and Queen Sophia is taking piace in an atmosphere of re-markable cordiality. The leftwing Rome rewspaper La
Republica comments today that
the Spanish King "is winning
the respect of Europe" and
that as little as six or seven Juan Carlos told the that as little as six or seven you that Spaniards "pas-months ago this visit to Italy

would have scemed out of the

question.
"In seven months the scene has so changed that not only the Vatican but the Quirinal Palace has been opened to the King without fear of accusations from the democratic forces of receiving a usurper of a sovereignty which has still not been finally restored to the people", it declared.

together for more than an hour, There is no doubt that they talked about the political changes in Spain and the recent agreement on modifications in

Holy See and Madrid.
This was the first visit of a Spanish-head of state to Italy and the Vatican for 54 years. After the papal audience, the King and Queen saw Cardinal Villot, the Secretary of State.

Nine under

pressure in

pressure mounted in Tunis today on the EEC to adopt more

positive positions on the Arab-

Tunisian delegate, warned the EEC that there could be no

He expressed disappointment

over the EEC's agreements with Israel which were concluded on

Tuesday, and were helping

The EEC had not under

taken any action to carry out two of the principles accepted during a session of the dialogue

Israel's development.

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Soares satisfied with entry ks terms set by Community

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uld not have expected a said in an interview Times. The EEC inisters had set aside such as association of considering an for full member-

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to the EEC. who will accompany Dr Soares on his tour, said he envisaged the negotiations going on until 1980 or 1981.

The Prime Minister indicated that in the event of a Portuguese application for membership being lodged after his tour, he expected all this year to be taken up with preliminary inoniries and studies by both the Community and Portugal.

The transitional period until Portugal would be "in a condition to assume the obligations stemming from the Treaty of Rome", might be "10 years or more

Dr Soares struck a relatively optimistic note about the stability of Portugal's new d'mocratic institutions. Europe does not shut the door in our face. If on the contrary

He was willing to give assurght drag on indefi- ances in the capitals of the Nine on future investment guaranbecause it is in the tees and compensation for f the Community, just nationalization, but not fur fortugal, that these those nationalizations declared resolved in a serious irreversible under the Portu-or Portugese democ- guese constitution.

There was no conflict be-tween the broad principles of economic policy in Portugal and those in the EEC countries.

Explaining his Government's basic philosophy behind applying, Dr Soares said: "The

summed up the reactions of many of his colleagues in say-ing that listening to the presi-dent on Tuesday had been a

strange experience. He had found nothing to criticize even

when he had read and reread Mr Jenkins's remarks. Never-

theless it was odd that Mr Jenkins had managed to speak

for nearly an hour without either angering or delighting anyone in the House.

There had been reason to

suppose that a president like

Mr Jenkins, who strongly sup-

ported a political role for the Commission, might come for-ward with some specific targets for action or some forceful new

By contrast, Herr Ludwig Fellermaier, the West German spokesman for the Socialist

group, maintained that Mr Jen-kins had been right to adopt

a pragmatic approach to the future and had not attempted

ins pledge not to head

initiatives.

ine' Commission

Dr Vitor Constancio, the Common Market offers us a big chairman of the experts' team endeavour, obliging us to dealing with Portugal's approach change structures and to catch endeavour, obliging us to change structures and to catch up on the backwardness we suffer from as regards the rest of

Europe."
"We do not think of resolving our problems simply by joining. We shall have to solve them with our own efforts. But Portugal has no other valid proiect bur to transform itself into member of the EEC with all the dignity that can represent-unless we are willing to be a kind of Puerto Rico or Cuba of

Europe".

Asked about the reluctance of the Benelux countries to a widening of the EEC. Dr Soares argued their fears were not justified.

"I am a pragmatist but I am also a partisan of a true Europe and not an association of states only based on economic progress or economic

"I am for a political Europe with real supranational insti-tutions. I reckon the entry of countries from southern Europe would represent an enormous contribution to such a Europe." Dr Soares said he understood Ireland, reported to be reticent about admitting Porrugal because there might be

less to share out from the regional, social and guidance funds, wished to defend ad-vantages for its own people. "But in a community of free nations there must be a cer-tain solidarity which should come before strictly national and egoistic criteria", he said.

General announced here today. Miss Gunyor Galtung Haavik,

in Luxembourg last May, he said. These were that it was inadmissible to acquire territory by force and the need for the evacuation of occupied Mr Khelil suggested that Woman admits spying for

Mr Khelil suggested that there should be Euro-Arab consultations at the United Nations.

Replying for the EEC, Mr Richard Faber, of Britain, emphasized the economic importance the Community attached to the Euro-Arab dialogue and expressed satisfaction over the improvement in processes. Russia since 1949 Oslo, Feb 10.—A woman clerk in the Norwegian Foreign Ministry has confessed that she spied for the Soviet Union for nearly 30 years, Mr L. J. Dohrenfelt, the Attorney improvement in prospects for peace in the Middle East.

He recalled that the EEC accepted the right of Midhin East countries to live within aged 65, was arrested here two weeks ago. Five Soviet diplomats and a Soviet journa-list were expelled from Norway safe frontiers and recognize

safe frontiers and recognized the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, including that to express effectively their national identity.

Referring to the EEC agreements with Israel, Mr Faber emphasized that the Community wished to be the sole judge of its relations with Israel.

The committee they arread to list were expelled from Norway after she was detained.
Air Dohrenfelt said Miss Haavik had confessed that she was recruited as a spy in 1949 when she was working in the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow. After she returned to Oslo The committee then turned

questions concerning technical cooperation between Europe and the Arab world.—Agence France-Presse.

in 1958, she handed over papers from the Foreign Ministry and was paid for her espionage activities.—Reuter. The Christian Democrats were particularly critical of Mr Jenkins's failure to present Portugal coup complete and coherent" policies for the future. He had simply listed problems, like the present disarray of the common agricultural policy, without giving any clear idea of how to resolve them, Mr Alfred Bertrand, their Belgian spokesman said.

plot alleged
Oporto, Feb 10.—Police today
ennounced that 17 men suspected of plotting to overthrow the Portuguese Government had been arrested and charged with attempted bank robbery.
Police alleged that the men,

led by Senhor Joao Stuart de Vasconcelos, a right-wing militant, had recently tried to rob the Bank of Portugal in Oporto to finance its plans. Numerous weopons had been confiscated

Socialist party first to register

Madrid, Feb. 10.—Spain's leftist opposition, outlawed for nearly 40 years under the Franco regime, moved quickly today to claim legality under a new law allowing them a role in the country's political life. The most militant socialist group, the Socialist Workers' Party, became the first politi-Party, became the first politi-cal organization to file its statutes with the Justice Minis-try. The Spanish Communist Party said it would follow suit

EEC poll encouraging to Spain potential applicant, were top in West Germany and Luxem-bourg, probably for geogra-phical, linguistic and cultural

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a senior Agence sc editor, who died omb attack on his June, 1975, today the composition of chich will make an ard for news-agency

will be presided former AFP chair-lanaging director, M Bujon, president of l Federation of the : Mr Charles Har-Correspondent of Mr Pierre Salinger, e House spokes-Senator Maurice the Académie

will ma'te its first

By Roger Berthoud Switzerland, Spain and Austria are, in that order, the countries which people in the EEC would most like to see join the Communit. The Buitish and the Inish are least enthusiastic of all about further enlargement, particularly about the idea of Greece, Pornusal or Turkey joining.

This is the startling finding of an unpublished poli corried out last November on behalf of the European Commission in Brussels, which has been passed to The Times. It suggests the Labour Government's policy of welcoming former dictatorships from the faditerranean as potential EEC members runs potential LEC members runs contrary to public opinion.
Those questioned—come 9,000 including 1,200 in Fritain—were shown a list of the present nine member states, and asked simply; "Are there other Euro-

pean countries which you would like to see joining the European Community soon? Which?"

More than half (53 per cent) did not answer, with Britons and Irish most reluctant. The West Germans were the most responsive, followed by Luxemburgers and Italians. bourgers and Italians.

The following table shows the countries and the percentage of people throughout the Nine who wanted them to join the EEC. The third column is the result of the British poll.

Austria Greece Portugal Turkcy Others (mainly

neither considered to be a

reasons. Switzerland and Spain were top in both Italy and Belgium. Switzerland was much the most popular country in Britain, while Spain was the favourite in France and Irafavourite in France and Ire-land, no doubt partly for reli-gious reasons. The Danes understandably favoured Norway and Sweden, as did many in Britain, Holland and Ireland. This result is mildly encour aging for Spain, which has not

vet applied for membership, but is expected to do so after this year's general election. It is discouraging for Greece, with whom entry negotiations have Scandinavian) 29 49 already begun, and for Portugal, which may apply shortly.

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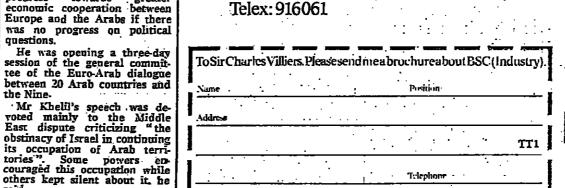
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France warms to quiet Prime Minister in battle against inflation

Paris, Feb 10

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, has reason to be satisfied. His anti-inflation plan which he has doggedly defended for the past four months is beginning to show results.

His own quiet, determined personality and his competence have slowly but surely made their mark on public opinion. The economic expert of a couple of months ago has turned into political figure of the front

Some observers already consider that he not President Giscard D'Estaing, represents the government's best hope of resisting the challenge of M Jacques Chirac, leader of the Gaullist Rassemblement and a

This is confirmed by the latest Sofres opinion poll. It shows that in the popularity stakes, M Barre has jumped to second place among the personalities of the Government majority with 47 points. This is a rise of 13 points since December, the most spectacular break-through recorded by Sofres. He now comes immediately after Mme Veil, the Health Minister, who has topped the

poll for months, and before Mime Giroud, the State Secre-tary for Culture, hitherto the runner-up.
The Prime Minister's main support comes from the Centrists and Independent Republi-cans. The Gaullists are someless enthusiastic about him. But some Socialists have been won over, notably those who jib at voting for a Com-munist in the second ballot of

ceess is not far to seek. The despondency about the future at the end of last year has given way to a revival of optimism. The polls shows that 65 per cent of the people are now satisfied with their living conditions, against 58 per cent in Decem-

The main preoccupation of Frenchmen, according to the poll, remains rising prices, but it is less acute than it was. On the other hand, unemployment catching up as a cause for

Of those polled 29 per cent think the Government's price freeze is effective against 11 per cent in December. But 66 per cent still regard it as ineffec-

President Giscard d'Estaing benefits from the improved political and economic climate. His stock as a defender of public liberties has risen as a result of his repeated assertion that he will stay in office to defend those liberties if the left wins the parliamentary elections next year.

Even his reputation as a re-former has improved. But the most spectacular change is that whereas in December a majority distrusted his conduct of economic policy, the reverse is now the case.

Le Figaro, which published the findings of the poll, notes that M Chirac has lost ground since December and suggests that perhaps he has chosen the wrong fight in seeking election as mayor of Paris. " Frenchmen show signs of thinking that the real battle is being fought over prices and not over the Paris town hall."

L'Express staff support | plan to cut share deal

By Our Business News Staff Proposals by Sir James Goldsmith's French master company to buy an important stake in L'Express, the French weekly news magazine, have won the backing of the magazine's editorial staff and shop floor workers. Barring unforseen obstacles, the deal is expected to go through within the next seven or 10 days.

Broad agreement on terms has been reached between Sir James and M. Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, whose family interests control L'Express. It is expected that the purchase vill be made by a subsidiary of Generale Occidentale, in which Sir James and his family have a holding of about a third.
In this respect the deal will

parallel the recent purchase by Cavenham, the British foods group, which is 51 per cent controlled by Générale Occidenrale, of just over a third of Ecaverbrook Newspapers' non-voting capital. This was Sir James's first foray into the

newspaper field L'Express, which has a circu-lation of about 500,000, is a profitable concern, making profitable concern, making consolidated profits of about

Charles Hargrove writes from Paris: Sir James's stake in L'Express will be 45 per cent. The price is reported to be in the region of 65m francs

(£7.6m). M Servan-Schreiber is selling most of his shares to finance the launching of a new Paris-daily on the lines of The Financial Times Sir James would also have a financial interest in the project.

The fact that Sir James has both French and British nation-

ality has facilitated the sale. Under the press laws, no foreigner can acquire a con-trolling interest in a French

Commission dairy surplus

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

A freeze on milk prices paid to farmers and a devaluation of at least 8 per cent in the 'green pound" are among proposals which the EEC Commission wants to put to Community agricultural ministers next

The Commissioners want a price rise on milk for consumers to be matched by a similar levy on farmers. The sum involved has been put provisionally at 21 per cent. Pro-ceeds of the levy would be used to promote consumption and cut the EEC surplus of 10 per cent in dairy produce.

Whether the levy and price rise should be imposed simul-taneously or one in April and the other in September has still to be decided. The Commission to be decided. The Commission has dropped its plan to tax fish and vegetable oils used in marand vegetable oils used in margarine to compensate for the impact of a milk levy on the price of butter. It is to seek small butter subsidy instead.

commission, whose The layed by its change of presi-dency and membership, wants member governments to accept changes in "green" currencies, the devices with which uniform Community farm prices are expressed in national coinage. wants Britain to accept devaluation this year of be-tween 8 and 101 per cent in two equal stages in April and

mid-September. A devaluation of 10 per cent less than half of the gap be-tween the "green pound", and the value of floating sterling, is estimated by the British Goveroment to entail a rise of 23 per cent in food prices.

Hugh Clayton, page 12 | coup.

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From Kuldip Nayar

Delhi, Feb 10

Mozambique railway network target for bombers Fairness of Delhi Rhodesian raids across border plot trial

Maputo, Feb 10

The increase in the number Mr George Fernandes, the of Rhedesian incursions into Socialist leader, told a Delhi Mozambique, ostensibly against magistrate today that he and his guerrilla camps, may force the colleagues were not being given Mozambican Government to in Maputo. a fair trial. They had not been seek outside belp in defending allowed to meet their lawyers its borders. for seven and a half months

ing four.

after their arrest. Mr Fernandes and 24 other defendants are being tried on charges of having entered into a well-planned and deeprooted criminal conspiracy to overawe by criminal force the central Government and to commit various offences ".

Mr Fernandes claimed that in spite of the recovery of geligmite sticks and subversive literature from the accused in Delhi and elsewhere, the prose-cution had admitted that "no direct evidence was available to establish that it was Mr Fernandes who was the master brain behind the conspiracy".

He accused the state of having used "its coercive apparatus to create evidence" gainst him and his colleagues. He said that while the state was telling the world about the success of Mrs Gandhi's rule,

he had been engaged in organizing an underground re-sistance movement together with colleagues, who valued freedom. Mr C. G. K. Reddy, another defendant said: "All the rights of our people to liberty, to happiness, to life itself were taken away by one individual, her family, and the small coterie surrounding her."

The Janata Party, a coalition four opposition parties, issued its election manifesto today, which leans heavily on Gandhian philosophy and promises an "open government in a free society". It pledges to restore fundamental rights to citizens and preserve the independence of the judiciary

and the press. Mr Charan Singh, the party's deputy chairman and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, said that all presidential orders and constitutional amendments passed during the emergency would be repealed. His party believed in individual

The manifesto emphasizes the primacy of agriculture and promises that the party will move people from the cities to It supports the family plan-

ning programme but without compulsion. A civil rights commission is to be set up to ensure equal rights to minorities. A presidential order set the election for the central Parliament for March 16. Elections for a number of state Assem-

will be on March 18 and 19. ligible.

Dar es Salaam, Feb 10.-The

seven people condemned for

reduced long prison sentences on another 10 of those con-

victed in connexion with the

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sentences confirmed

Zanzibar Supreme Court has appeal by the defendants, it upheld death sentences on also upheld eight jail sen-

plotting the abortive 1972 coup ordered five to be freed on the in which Shaikh Abeid Karume, grounds that they had served

Abdulrahman Mohamed Babu, Tanzanian mainland refused to former Tanzanian Economic Affairs Minister, were tried in their absence. They are in detention on the Tanzanian allowed counsel.

These condemned to death

The Supreme Court commuted death sentences on 17 Aboud Jumbe, of Zanzibar, for defendants to prison terms of clemency and observers believe from 30 to 35 years and that no death sentences will be

may bring Cubans into battle

The most recent attack took place a week ago, on the eve of the Freimo Party congress Maputo. A heavily armed Rhodesian force was said to have attacked a train between Mapai and Chicualacuala in the southern Gaza province, killing two civilians and injur-

about the same time in the western-central province of Tete. The force was said to have penetrated to within eight miles of Tete City and temporarily cut the road link between there and the Cabora Bassa hydro-electric project 80 miles to the west. A road bridge between Cabora Bassa and the coast had already been destroyed in a raid last year.

have been reported during the last six weeks. One, was at the end of December, when the

trips a week

From Our Own Correspondent

Airways today after details

were disclosed in The Times.

Mr Harding Lawrence, Bran-if's chairman, said he hoped

government approval would come in time for the service to

The fare for the Dallas-Washington section, which Bran-iff would operate at subsonic

British Airways and Air France

supersonic flights from London

and Paris, would be 10 per cent

above current first-class fares.

The proposed Dallas to London single fare would be SSS6 (about £525).

There would be three flights

Because of the time differ

ence, passengers leaving Paris would arrive in Dallas at almost

the same local time as they

left. The main advantage to passengers is that they would

not have to change sirliners in

Washington, as they do now, to

catch a Concorde flight to

Europe. Time saving between Dallas and Washington is neg-

tences, acquirted one man and

enough time in jail.

A total of 13 defendants were tried in their absence

Those condemned to death

carried out. At the original

treason trial, which ended in 1974, a total of 43 people were

sentenced to death.-Reuter.

a week with each airline.

in extension of the

Washington, Feb 10

start this summer.

around Chitanga near the Rho present Frelimo's "popular desian border. Another raid forces" are being supported by took place in the same region some Tanzanian units, probably last month when a Rhodesian numbering about 500 men. Air Force Canberra bomber There are also a few Cuban, was shot down. Parts of the Soviet and other East Eurowreckage are now on display

The attacks are taking a heavy toll on the country's rail system. Lines have been blown up and many locomotives have been damaged. The main railway repair yard in the capital is filled with damaged engines. According to the Voice of

Free Africa, an anti-Frelimo radio station broadcasting from mation of a pan-Air.can army Umtali, many of these attacks to assist Mozambique, using have been carried out by units belonging to the Mozambique There was another attack United Front (Fumo) and not by the Rhodesian armed of forces.

However, Western diplomats here are convinced that while some black and white Mozambican exiles, including former Portuguese Army soldiers, are taking part in the attacks, all military activities in the military activities in the border area are being coor-dinated from inside Rhodesia.

have to seek outside help."

pean advisers.

Recently large quantities of arms have been unloaded in Mozamo:can ports, mainly in Nacaia in the north but also in Beira and Maputo. But there are few Mozambicans or Rhodesian guerrillas sufficiently well trained to operate sophisticated weapons.

One answer could be the forexperienced Nigerian troops as the nucleus. But the problems of creating such a force would be enormous.

I fear the Mozambicans will have to accept the inevitable ". diplomat remarked, "which means look ing to Cuba or some similar country for help."

Meanwhile, the situation in the border area has been further unsertled by outbreaks of factional fighting in the guer-Two other major incursions to go on being raped like that some camps have become reported during the this, one diplomat said, little more than personal field ast year.

Eventually Mozambique will of the local guerrilla commandrilla camps. It is understood ers and that tighters belonging end of becember, when the lave to seek outside help.

Rhodesian Air Force was said The question is where will to firal factions have to have bombed the area the assistance come from? At been killed or driven out. to rival factions have either

islanders would become Australian electors liable to the

Announcing the appeal to the

United Nations, Mr William Elucher, the senior councillor,

said in a radio broadcast that

preferred their present status,

closely linked to Australia, but

self-determination and was un-

He said most of the islanders

were descended from the in-

habitants of Pitcairn, farther

east in the Pacific, where the crew of the Royal Navy ship

Bounty settled after their mutiny in 1789 against Captain

willing to allow the islanders a

with a locally-elected authority

the great majority of the people

same taxes as Australians.

Dallas plans | Plea to UN by descendants six Concorde of Bounty mutineers

Sydney, Feb 10.—Leaders of trailen federal Parliament. The tiny South Pacific Island, first islanders would become Ausinnabited by descendants of the Bounty mutineers, have called on the United Nations to protect them from being integrat: † politically with Australia.

A Concorde service linking Europe to Dallas, Texas, was formally announced by Branifi Eight councillors, represent-ing the 1,600 people of Norfolk Island, yesterday posted their appeal to the United Nations committee of 24 on decolonizaion. They sent copies to Dr Valdheim, General, and the Australian

Norfolk, a non-self governing territory administered from Canberra, is a lush sub-tropical island abour 1,000 miles east of

An Australian royal commis-sion has recommended that the islanders be included in the electorate of Canberra, so they can be represented in the Aus-

ing three people here in 1966,

terms of life imprisonment.

was disclosed that the prosecu-

Their cause was backed by a

national campaign of fund-rais-

ing drives. Supporters in-cluded Bob Dylan and Joan

Before sentence was passed,

Mr Carter told the court that he and Mr Artis, who also received three life sentences,

had been twice convicted of the

murders because they were

black. He compared their treat-

ment in the Paterson area with

the position of Jews in Hitler's

They were charged with kill-

ing three whites in a bar at

a time of racial tension here following the murder of a black

bar owner by a white.—Reuter.

Baéz, the singers,

Germany.

tion withheld evidence from the

they were also found guilty.

life term

Boxer given new | Tear gas used to break up for 1966 murders Anguilla protest

William Bligh .- Reuter.

Paterson, New Jersey, Feb 10.

The boxer, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was convicted at a fresh trial of murder-Anguilla. Feb 10.-The disperse angry supporters of Mr Ronaid Webster, the former Anguillan leader, as they tried to stop the installahas been sentenced to three tion of the new Anguillan Mr Carter, aged 39, once a Government

contender for the world middle. Two people. a 50-year-old long time, but in recent years weight title, and his sparring woman and a 51-year-old man, partner. John Artis, were were injured in the clash out sadly deteriorated. Lack of granted the new trial after it side the island's legislative assembly.

The swearing in ceremony took place later It was the second demonstration in a week against the dismissal of Mr Webster, who was replaced as Chief Minister by Mr David Le Breton the British Commissioner, after losing a vote of confidence on February 1.-Reuter.

Drug addicts to die

Moscow, Feb 10.—A Georgia court has sentenced to death two members of a gang of drug addicts who carried out a series of violent crimes, including murder and robbery, according to the Georgia Com-munist Party newspaper, Zaria

Mr Ian Smith happy with S Africa talks

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, Feb 10 Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, flew back to Salisbury from Cape Town

today after a three-hour meet-ing with Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister. He said at the airport: "We now received the invibelieve the talks will help us. The talks were very congenial

and we tended to see things along the same lines."

Mr Smith said he hoped there would be new initiatives towards settling Rhodesia's future. He was ready and willing to listen and talk to anyone offering "constructive suggestions". If outside efforts to settle failed, the Rhodesian Government would continue working towards a settlement

internally. Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: The guerrilla war in Rhodesia has claimed another 41 more lives. A security force communiqué today said that since February 8, another 18 guerrillas had been killed. Four African women and four African men running with the guerrillas and actively assisting them had also been killed and five blacks had been sot dead by security forces while breaking the curfew in the operanonal area at night

The statement said that guerrillas had murdered seven more African tribesmen and two tribeswomen in the operational

interdenominational funeral today for the seven Roman Catholic missionaries murdered at the St Paul's Mission, near Salisbury, last week-end was marred here this morning when a small group of about five angry whites left the service and one man called out: "Why don't they arrest that black bastard?". He was referring to comments made during the service by the senior African priest in Rhodesia, Father Isidore Chikore, who had associated himself with a

day by the Catholic Bishe Umtali, Mgr Lamont, who laid the responsibility fo killings indirectly on the desian Government.

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Our Diplomatic Correspo. writes: The Foreign Offic from Rhodesia, reported i Times yesterday, inviting tish MPs to investigate massacre at St Paul's Mi While this is a matte Parliament to decide, a si man said yesterday that Foreign Office did not thi all-party delegation was to succeed in identifying responsible for the murc Our Washington Correspo writes: Mr Cyrus Vauc Secretary of State, today to Congress to urge the of the Byrd Amendment permits imports of chrom-Rhodesia.

Peter Strafford writes New York: Britain has a state trading organization the Soviet Union and East European countri breaking sanctions and t with Rhodesia. The trac carried out via three companies, all based in C which existed solely for ing cover for "a major tions breaking oper British officials alleged

lished in the latest report Security Council sanction the accusation was categoried by Russia. Ar Romanians.

According to Britain trade was carried o Michelle Enterprises I Salisbury, which estobacco and other agric commodities from Rhode imported chemicals, met agricultural requirement trade was carried ou trade organizations (Soviet Union, Czechosi Romania, Bulgaria and Germany.

Uganda calls in Britons governing island affairs. Australia had declined to apply United Nations principles of

From Judith Listowel Kampala, Feb 10

President Amin of Uganda is setting up the largest cattle ranches in Africa. He has invited British cattle experts to buy 3,000 head of mainly cows in calf, for the new ranch in the West Nile District. The cattle costing £36m are to be bought in Britain and on the Continent. The funds for this vast enterprise were donated by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The purpose is to provide sufficient milk, butter and cheese, for

beef for export. Uganda's economy reached police have used tear gas to rock-bottom 18 months ago. The hard, difficult ascent has begun and the great cattle scheme will mean an important

the 11 million Ugandans, and

step forward. Several large cattle ranches have existed in Uganda for a expertise and minerals, and

shortage of fodder are to be The one exception is the Uganda Livestock Industries, at Acholi-Asswa, originally financed by the World Bank and now administered by Mr Robert Origei, an African cartleman. His need for fresh blood to renew his stock will now be satisfied from the

newly imported beef bulls. When finally developed, the cattle scheme will consist of 70 ranches: 40 in Kilak, West Nile district, 10 in the East Madi, and 20 more in the North Nile and West Madi districts.
Already delivered are 1,500

head of Boran breeding stock from Kenya.

Mr Peter Gaymer, who is in charge of the Scheme, has had an unusual career. His father

age of 14 because he learning, and told him are wasting your time money. As of Mond: start work on the farm the years, he became a farmer.
Someone had to be:

run the dairy project semi-derelict old ranc Gaymer is an Essex n his county. Last Decer rang up Mr George and asked him whe would be prepared to Uganda to administer t

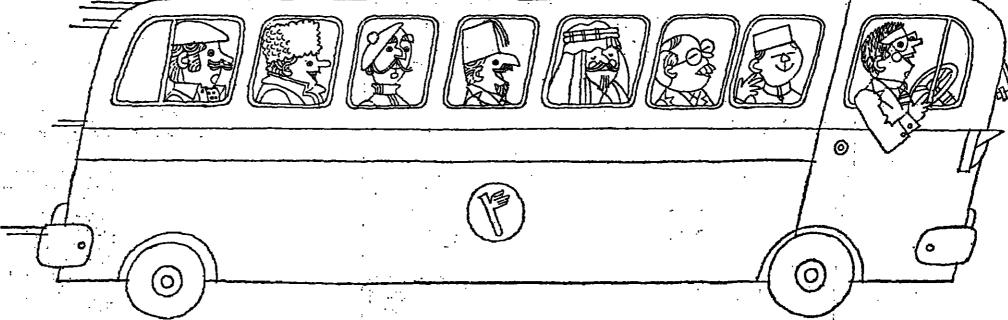
Mr Magnay agreed i ple but before any were taken, the came to see how-he ning his own farm. Th duly impressed and la: Mr Gaymer flew Mr and two other Essex

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Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-

General of the United Nations beld five hours of tal" ...it

Israel's leaders tod: but al-though officials said the meet-ings bad "cleared the air", they brought no progress on ways of moving towards a peaceful solution in the Middle East.

Dr Waldheim, who was re-ported to have been upset on

the eve of his visit by a state-ment by Mr. Allon, the Foreign Minister, that the United Nations would be given no role

to play in peace talks, was given a cordial welcome. He

held talks for three hours in the morning with Mr Allon and

his advisers and in the evening spent two hours with Israel's ministerial negotiating team: Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, Mr Allon and Mr Peres, the De-

fence Minister.
On leaving the Prime Minister's office, Dr Waldheim said

he had been assured that Israel

was ready to go to Genera wim-out delay under "certain cir-cumstances". The problem of Palestinian participation had not been solved and he was

unable to predict a date for the

Mr Allon made it clear that the "circumstances" were that the Geneva conference must be

reconvened on the original basis of December, 1973, which

meant that it must be between

Israel and the Arab states in

was ready to go to Geneva with-

From Eric Marsden

Jerusalem, Feb 10

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SCOW . Feb 10.-Soviet intoday arrested Dr leader of the most ssident group in the nion, his friends re-

ird prominent dissen rounded up in the he was taken into a suburban Moscow lay after he returned pital from hiding in ry for a week. en came for him this

at the home of Miss Alexeveva, a fellow Miss Alexeyeva told dents that the men. the uniform of the 's office and one in ies, told her when she e door: "We're look-neone who thinks like

her dissidents quickly telegram of protest Orloy's arrest to the the 35 European and terican states, which reements reached at ean security confer-felsinki in 1975. gram said: "We rearrest as an event of

to the governments opinion of all counsigned the Final Act eement in Helsinki." lov. a diminutive, ed man who worked cist until he was dis-1973 for defending

dent scientist, Dr tharov, heads a group st May to monitor servance of human uses in the Helsinki

Dubcek support for Czechoslovak human rights group

Vienna, Feb 10.--Mr Alexspring" Government, has orally supported the Czechoslovak group behind the Charter 77

human rights manifesto, it was reported in Vienna today.
The Austrian Socialist Party newspaper. Arbeiter-Zeitung quoted a friend of Mr Dubcuk as saying that he had nor learnt of the contents of the charter until very late and had been unable to sign it because he lives under strict police surveillance in Bratislava. But he had managed to indicate his had managed to indicate his support through an intermedi-

Mr Dubcek's verbal support Western correspondents by its authors as proof that they were not isolated from their former comrades in the "Prague

comrades in the "Prague spring" movement, the Arheiter-Zeitung said.

The Austrian Communist Party newspaper Volksstimme had claimed that Mr Dubcek had refused to sign the charter. But sources in Prague close to Mr Dubcek, said that the newspaper had not made any contact with him or with any member of his family. any member of his family.

According to the quoted in-termediary, Mr Dubcek had said that the charter fully corresponded to what he had repeatedly expressed in his letters in the past.

Arbeiter-Zeitung said that with Mr Dubcek's support, the list of prominent representatices of the "Prague spring"

ander Dubcek, the ousted former Prime Minister. leader of the 1968 Prague However, Mr Cernik, undertook an act of self-criticism in 1970, thus preventing his expulsion from the Czechoslovak Communist Party.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Prague: Mr Dubcek is reported to be working as an office clerk for a wine firm in Bratislava.

Last June his former private secretary, Mr Oldrich Jaros, tried to visit him but he said later that he had been physically prevented from doing so by Interior Ministry officials.

The Slovak newspaper Smena today singled out Pro-fessor Jan Patocka, one of the Charrer 77 spokesmen, for cri-Agence France-Presse and AP. Paris: Mr Paul Goma, the Romanian author today came out in support of the Charter movement and attacked the

Romanian authorities. In an open letter from Bucharest to the Czechoslovak dissidents published in Le Monde, Mr Goma said: "You, as the Poles, the East Germans, the Hungarians, the Bulgarians, live under Russian occupation. We Romanians live under Romanian occupationultimately more painful, more efficient than a foreign occupation."-Reuter.

Commons motion: More than 100 MPs of all parties have signed the Commons motion recognizing "the courage of the Czechoslovak signatories of Charter 77 " and calling on the supporting the charter was Prague Government to imple-complete, with the exception ment the Helsinki agreement.

initiatives in various countries. West and East, it seeks to promote the general public interest.

the general public interest.

It dues not aim, then, to set out its own platform of political or social reform or change, but within its own field of impact to conduct a constructive dialogue with the political and state authorities, particularly by drawing attention to individual cases where human and civic rights are violated, to document such grievances and suggest remedies, to make proposals of a more peneral character calculated to reinforce such rights and machinery

implementation

obligations assumed at Helsinki.

As signatories, we hereby authorize Professor Dr Jan Patocka, Dr Vaclav Havel and Professor Dr Jiri Hajek to act as the spokesmen for the Charter.

These spokesmen are endued with full authority to represent it vis-a-vis state and other bodies, and the public at home and abroad,

and their signatures attest the authenticity of documents issued by the Charter. They will have us

adherence to Security Council resolution 338. Dr Waldheim reported on his talks with Arab leaders, saying that all of them had empha-sized that the Palestine Liberation Organization must take part in the Geneva conference. Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, had told him that the ground of friendship and soll-darity among people who share our concern for those ideals that have inspired, and continue to itospire, their lives and their work. Charter 77 is not an organiza-tion; it has no rules, permanent bodies or formal membership. It embraces everyone who agrees with its ideas and participates in its work. It does not form the basis for any oppositional political activity. Like many similar citizen initiatives in various countries. PLO was ready to set up an independent state alongside

conference

Some observers were predict ing tonight that when Dr Wald-heim reports back in Cairo tomorrow that he has been unable to find scope for compromise between the Arab and Israel views on Palestinian representation at Geneva, the Arab states will call for a Security Council meeting on the subject. Dr Waldheim arrived from

Amman this morning in "UN One", a white-painted Fokker Friendship aircraft. He was making the first direct flight-from the Jordanian capital to the Jerusalem airport at Kalandia since it was captured in the Six-Day War in 1967.



Mr Allon, wearing glasses, greets Dr Waldheim in Jerusalem.

Dr Waldheim said this was a "technical arrangement" and had no political significance. Israel leaders were nevertheless pleased to be able to welcome him at the airport, which most airlines refuse to use because of their countries' reluctance to admit Israel's internal airline.

Mr Ailon beaded the welcoming party, which also included General Haim Herzog, Israel's. representative at the United Nations, Professor Shlomo Avineri, the Foreign Ministry director-general, and Mr Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem. Lieutenant - General Ensio Sillasvuo, Finnish commander of United Nations forces in the

Middle East, led a United Nations reception party. In informal exchanges on the tarmac, Mr Allon went out of his way to make clear that Dr Waldheim was personally wel-

come to Israel. Thanking him. Dr Waldheim said the purpose of his visit was to discuss the Middle East situation and "to find ways and means of resum ing the negotiating process ".-

meeting any leaders of the West Bank Arabs, but a petition has been submitted to him in the names of the municipalities of Nablus, Hebron, Ramallah, Bireh, Tulkarm, Bethlehem, Eeit Jalla, Beir Sahour, Jericho, Holhoul and Bir Zeit.

It renews allegations of mass arrests, illegal taxes, punitive fines and expropriation of land. It accuses Israelis of expressing "loftily and arrogantly their loathing and disgust for international organizations and their resolutions despite the unfortunate fact that it is these organizations which have lent legality to it."

Queen Alia is buried in

Why Syrians stay near frontier

Secret of Crusaders' castle in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk Nabatea, Southern Lebanon.

Eight rain-soaked soldiers. their wellington boots covered in mud and their rifle ammuniin mid and their ritle ammun-tion clips swaddled in adhesive tape to keep out the damp, form the vanguard of the Syrian Army in southern Lebanon.

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They stand at a road block two miles south-east of Nabatea —a rectangular township with a single restaurant, a row of old garages and dirty car repair shops and a few small farms— just six miles from the nearest arbed wire on the Israeli

Around them in the wet fields are a huddle of tents. An armoured troop carrier is parked on the hill to the north and just behind it is a Russian-built tank so smothered in tarpaulins that only the muzzle is

The Israelis claim that the presence of Syrian troops so near their border represents a military threat; that is why they are insisting that the Syrians withdraw from Nabatea. The Syrians, who form the bulwark of the 30,000 strong Arab League peacekeeping army in Lebanon, say that their pre-sence is justified by the need to prevent the movement of heavy arms after the civil war and to stop the fighting which continues in the south between Palestinian-Leftist and Phalang-ist forces. The Palestinians and the Lebanese Arab Army, the dissident Muslim wing of the old national army which has somehow maintained its wartime identity here in the moun-

tains, say nothing.
But the real reason behind the Syrian presence outside Nabatea, and for the silence of the Palestinians, may have noth-ing to do with the isolated battles which occasionally take place between here and the Israeli border.

The real reason might cause some surprise to the Israelis themselves. For it is just possible that the explanation for the Syrian advance into this part of southern Lebanon lies behind the walls of a halfruined twelfth-century castle perched on a 1,000ft precipice above the Litani river.

One has to introduce that element of doubt into one's suspicions for no one, not even the Syrians, has been allowed by the leftist armies to enter the Crusader ramparts of Beaufort Castle. Even before they reach the guard post of the Lebanese Army on a lane off the reach south east of Nebares. more Syrian soldiers who turn

These two soldiers are approximately four miles and a half from the Israeli border but they cannot see Israel from the lane because beyond them, through the drifting rain and the clouds, stand the western walls of the keep.

From this side, the castle looks accessible enough. Indeed, there are deep tracks through the mud across the fields as if heavy vehicles have recently been driven up nowards the walls.

From the other side, a cliff face falls sheer down towards the Litani. So high is the castle that the Palestinians inside—and the Palestinians have always acknowledged that they keep a reconnaissance post there—can look across all of Mount Hermon.

This morning, however, it was possible to talk one's way through the Syrian roadblock on the lane and drive a mile and a half nearer to Beaufort

Castle. A man in the uniform of a ieutenant, who runs the post from a draughty shack with a radio telephone that works in a crackling, unpredictable sort of way on a wooden table, ex-plained that the Syrians still allowed him to drive in to the town of Nabatea for supplies but would not permit ammunition to be brought in

Could one visit the castle? There was a conversation over the telephone. Under no circumstances, the lieutenant said. Besides, his most senior officer was not present. He was at a conference in Beirut.

The lieutenant did not want to talk about those wheel tracks through the fields, perhaps with good reason. Over the past two weeks President Sarkis and the commanders of the peacekeeping army in Beirur have been announcing almost daily that the private armies who were supposed to surrender their heavy guns at the end of the civil war had concealed a large part of their equipment.

If the Palestinians have chosen Beaufort Castle as one of their last arsenals, then they have picked a location whose history certainly matches the violance of the last two years in Lebanon.

William of Tyre records how Saladin laid siege to the enormous fortress in 1192, tricking its Christian defender into reach the guard post of the Lebpeace talks and then torturing
anese Arab Army on a lane off him before the walls of the
the road south-east of Nabatea, castle while the defenders
travellers are stopped by two watched helplessly.

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its powers to check; their originators are responsible to no one but themselves and their own hierarchy; yet they have a decisive impact on the decision-making and executive organs of government, justice, trade unions, interest groups and all other organizations, of the other political parties, enterprises, factories, institutions, offices and so on, for whom these instructions have precedence even before the law.

Where organizations or individuals, in the interpretation of their rights and duties, come into conflict with such directives, they

conflict with such directives, they conflict with such directives, they cannot have recourse to any non-party authority, since none such exists. This constitutes, of course, a serious limitation of the right eusuing from articles 21 and 22 of the first-mentioned covenant, which provides for freedom of association and forbids any restriction on its exercise, from article tion on its exercise, from article

25 on the right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, and from article 26 stipulating equal protection by the law without discrimination.

This state of affairs likewise prevents workers and others from vents workers and others from exercising the unrestricted right to establish trade unions and other organizations to protect their economic and social interests, and from freely enjoying the right to strike provided for in clause 1 of article 8 in the second-mentioned

ruther civic rights, tocluding the explicit prohibition of "arbitrary interference with privacy." femily, home or correspondence (article 17 of the first covenant) are seriously vitiated by the various forms of interference in the private life of citizens exercised by the Ministry of the Interior, for example by bugging telephones and houses, opening mail, following personal movements, searching homes, setting an accuracy of the property of the p up networks of neighbourhood in-formers (often recruited by illicit threats or promises) and in other

ways.
The ministry frequently interferes in employers' decisions, stientes acts of discrimination strates arts of orsermination in authorities and organizations, brings weight to bear on the organs of justice and even orches-trutes propaganda campaigns in the media. This activity is governed by no law and, being clandestine, affords the citizen nu chance to defend himself.

In cases of prosecution on poli-tical grounds the investigative and tical grounds the investigative and judicial organs violate the rights of those charged and of those defending them, as guaranteed by article 14 of the first covenant and indeed by Carchoslovak law. The prison treatment of those sentenced in such cases is an afficient to their human dignity and a menace to their health, being aimed at breaking their morele.

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Clause 2, article 12 of the first Clause 2, article 12 of the Bist covenant, guaranteeing every citizen the right to leave the country is consistently violated, or under the pretence of "defence of national security" is subjected to various unjustifiable conditions (clause 3). The granting of entry visas to foreigners is also treated achieved and many are unable visas to foreigners is also treated arbitrarily, and many are unable to visit Czechoslovakia merely because of professional or personal contacts with those of our citizens who are subject to discrimination.

Some of our people—either in private, at their places of work or by the only feasible public channel, the foreign medis—have drawn attention to the systematic violation of human rights and democratic freedoms and democratic freedoms and democratic freedoms and democratic freedoms. nemocratic treedoms and ormanded amends in specific cases. But their pleas have remained largely impored or been made grounds for police investigation.

largely ignored or been made grounds for police investigation.

Responsibility for the maintenance of civic rights in our country naturally devolves in the first place on the political and state authorities. Yet not only on them: everyone bears his share of responsibility for the conditions that prevail and accordingly also for the observance of legally enshriped agreements, binding upon all individuals as well as upon governments.

It is this sense of co-responsibility, our belief in the importance of its conscious public acceptance and the general need to give it new and more effective expression that led us to the idea of creating Charter 77, whose inception we country and open association of people of various shades of opinion, faiths and professions united by the will to strive individually and collectively for the respecting of civic and human rights in our ewo country and throughout the world—rights accorded to all men by the two mentioned international covenants, by the Final Act of the Helsinki conference and by numerous other international documents opposing war, violence and social or spiritual oppression.

numerous other international documents opposing yar, violence and social or spiritual oppression, and which are comprehensively laid down in the UN Universal Charter of Human Rights.

Charter 77 springs from a back-

Egyptians vote on Sadat

plan to curb disorders From Our Correspondent

general character calculated to reinforce such rights and machinery
for protecting them, to act as intermediary in situations of conflict
which may lead to violation of
rights, and so forth.

By its symbolic name Charter 77
denotes that it has come into
heing at the start of a year proclaimed as Political Prisoners'
Year—a year in which a conference in Belgrade is due to review
the implementation of the Egyptians voted in a referen-dum today on a series of measures introduced by Presidept Sadat to outlaw demonstrations, strikes and sit-ins. The proposals provide for sentences of hard labour for life for rioting and sabotaging property. Tax evasion will also be an offence punishable by hard labour, but President Sadar's draft law exempts the poor and small farmers from ali taxes.

and others who join us as their collectues, taking part in any needful negotiations, shouldering particular tooks and sharing every The package is expected to be overwhelmingly endorsed by responsibility.

We believe that Charter 77 will help to enable all the citizens of Czechoslovakia to work and the people, despite appeals by the leftist Progressive Unionist

month's disturbances over price increases for food and other commodities, in which about 80 people were killed and 800 injured.

President Sadat said the rioting was part of a communist plot to overthrow him. Observers here see the referendum as a test of confidence in the Egyptian Govern-ment. Only a simple majority of the ballots cast by the 9,600,000 registered voters will be needed for the proposals to

Cairo's newspapers, and television have urged voters to endorse Mr Sadat's mersures. The results are expected to be announced tomor-

grounds of her palace Hussin of Jordan stood griet stricken at the graveside today

as his 28-year-old wife, killed in a helicopter crash yesterday, was buried in the grounds of a palace he built for her only four months ago.

President Hafiz al-Assad, of Syria, who was nost to the King

and Queen-Alia-in Damascus last Sunday, stood beside the monarch as the coffin was lowered into a hilltop grave.

Few other foreign leaders had time to reach Amman for the funeral. An exception was Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, who cancelled an official two-day visit to Jordan, due

Amman, Feb 10.-King to begin today, but flew from From Our Correspondent try at the funeral.

Empress Farah of Iran arrived at the Hashimiyeh Palace, 10 miles west of Aroman, as a 21gun salute signalled the lowering of the coffin.

Mr Muhammad al-Bashir, the Jordanian Health Minister, the pilot and a military doctor died with Queen Alia when the heli-copter crashed in flames in a instorm 12 miles south of

On the way to the graveside, King Husain, wearing a dark civilian suit, was accompanied by President Assad in the first car behind the bier. Herr Genscher travelled in

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the second car.-Reuter.

UN concern over conditions in Israeli jails

The United Nations Human Rights Commission decided today to send a telegram to the Israeli Government expressing concern at reports of the death of Arab detainees in Israeli prisons which are attributable to the conditions of

their imprisonment.".

There were 22 votes in favour. The United States, Canada and Costa Rica voted against and five countries abstained — Britain, Italy, Rwanda, Sweden and West

Germany The telegram calls for observance of the Geneva conven-tions and an improvement in

prison conditions.



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Third year the most difficult for pay restraint: PM hopes that impatience will not waste gains

The Prime Minister said that if the people of Brisin could accept another year of continued resusion the case of inflation would be substantially llowered. But if the gains which had been made were thrown away shrough impatience now, added for Callaghan, the country

added für Chinghan, the country would be heading for a vastly increased materof infilation.

He was replying to Mr Kenneth Baher (City of Mestmenther, St Magglebone, C) who asked if the Prime Minister was satisfied with the present policy of the Bank of England which seemed to be to interment to been interpret rates. intervene to keep interest rates

high.
It is neot in the interests of the economy (the xaid) because it attends in money we do not want and deters capital investment which we do want. The net result is to ensure that imemployment in nine months will be higher firm it otherwise would have been.

Mr. James Callagem (Cardiff, Sonfii-East, Lab)—The level of stelling must be dependent on the rate of inflation to some extent. although that can be offset for a period of miorths or on occasions a Therefore it would be our first

indeserge, if would be our first task to ensure that the rate of inflation these not increase and substantially diminishes.

For that purpose I hope we shall manage to get famough economic policies, especially in relation to industrial investment and more especially. industrial investment and resentation and more especially

to another round fits year of wage agreements that will enable us to ensure that inflation will go down. ensure that inflation will go down.

I would like to emphasize that if
the people of this country ineritality, in spite of the forecast that
were made, want to throw away
the gains of the last counte of
years—(Opposition laughter and
interruptions of "What
gains?")—the gain, for example
of reducing the absurd rate of
money increase that was
bequestised to us by the previous
Covernment which has now been
brought under control, and the brought under control, and the

in this field, there is little doubt that the rate of inflation will be substantially lower.

If this is thrown away as a result of impatience now, we shall be heading for a vasily increesed rate of inflation.

It this is thrown away as a result country and trade unionists get some benefit from the sacrifices they are being asked to make.

Will be bear in mind in the mathematical taking

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Circnester and Towkesbury, C)—is it not clear that the Labour Party is now the party that believes a high rate of unemployment is the way to keep wages down? Does not Mr Callachan think he is overdoing

If he brought down interest rates a little and encouraged a bit of expansion, he might be tale to provide a few more jobs and a little more prosperity for our recoile.

come down from 15 per cent to 12 per cent. I trust that if we manage to keep on top of the inflation rate, even without Mr Ridley's sup-port, that interest rates will be able to continue to come down. But, like the sterling rate, they will to some extent reflect the rate of inflation which is still our major

If we do not cure that, unem-

ployment will go even higher. On the use of unemployment as an instrument, that is utterly false. instrement, that is utterly laise.

Mr David Steel, leader of the
Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk
and Peebles)—in considering the
rest stage of his discussions on
incomes controls, will he consider
exempting from restraint new profit-sharing schemes in industry on
the grounds that this would be
more Eliely to introduce harmody,
partnership and productivity than
anything in the Bullock report?

Mr CeFastan—I would bring that anything in the build bring that to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's notice. The talks he is having will take place with both sides and all these matters can be consi-

year on which we are asking the British people to embark will prob-ably be the most difficult of all because people are inevitably imnations and I understand it. But there is no better way and nobody has been able to point it halving of the rate of inflation—
(Opposition interruptions)—I out, certainly not the Opposition.

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out, certainly not the Opposition.

Mr. Norman Adkinson (Haringey, another year of continued restraint Tottenham, Lab)—Wage restraint

occasions that I would prefer the course to be a satisfactory

devolved government which would

pave the way for increased parlia-mentary representation in North-

Mr Robert Mellish (Southwark,

future when certain Oposition MPs declare that they will never

Mr Mason—Political parties or any one of the bodies that play a major

role in Northern Ireland standing

I expect them to rise above these

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down

rorist organizations do not give :

representatives in this House stand ready both to advise and to coo-

Mr Mason—I appreciate what he said. The latter point is valid and he has made an honest approach to the matter. He and some of his

friends are prepared to try to find ways of at least getting a devolved administration in Northern Ire-land. Those ideas have been already floated. Because they are

already floated. Because they are ideas they are worth talking about before they "gell" into proposals that may be a fait accompli to the others. Those are the ideas.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—It is not only the IRA that do not give a fig about devolved government. The

about devolved government. The House will welcome, both his deci-sion in having these discussions and also the note of caution about any undue optimism. It would be

foolish to try to fill the Macrory gap with local government if that was to be used as an excuse to

prevent any properly devolve

Mr Masou-Filling the Macror

gap would be a form of enhanced local government to the province. If the parties are prepared to talk about that form of regional council administration it may grow into a more executive form of devolved accomment in time.

have no evidence that the political

hir Foot, in a written reply, said-

Mr Neville Trotter (Tynemouth, C) asked the Prime Minister how

many kitchen staff were employed at 10 Downing Street; and whether

there had been any change since he trock office.

Mr Callaghan, in a written reply, said—One part-time. No change

Bill's second reading

The Rent (Agriculture) (Amend-

ment) Bill to correct an error in the Rent (Agriculture) Act dealing with tied farm cottages was read a second time at yesterday's sitting which ended at I am today.

has been made.

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government.

perate with him.

sermondsey, Lab}-

agree to power-sharing?

preliminary negotiations taking place that trade unions feel somewhat sick that it is they who are continuously being asked to make sacrifices and that their standards are about to go down

still further? So will he bring confidence to these talks by announcing soon that the Government intend to bring in price controls? This is the only way trade unionists will consider phase three of the wages

Mr Callaghan—I agree that the trade union leaders are going to have a difficult time this year in trying to convince their members benefit of this inevitable policy which must succeed. But we must all work to that end and I intend to do all I can

policy.

to make it a success.

He is right on prices. But we all know that commodity prices and prices of imports of our raw materials are not to a large extent under our control. It was the quintipling of oil prices which led to a great deal of unemployment not only here but in the world. Therefore, when we are considering what can be done to control prices, we must take these factors into account, too. But short of that, we shall take every step to

ensure profit margins are not excessive and that prices are kept Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Treasury affairs (East Surrey, C)—Does he acknowledge that another factor in keeping prices up would be any attempt to hold down the exchange

That would also keep interest rates up.

Are the authorities deliberately intervening to hold the exchange rate down? If so, with what objective and for how long?

Nor Callaghan-letis not the custom to discuss exchange rate policy in that sort of detail. Whatever the Opposition may feel about giving signals to people in the City, it is not my desire to do so.

| Chair's ruling: new clause on devolution referendum held to be germane to Bill

When the committee stage of the Scotland and Wales Bill was resumed, Mr Maurice Macmillan (Farnnam, C) raised a point of order concerning a procedural motion in the name of Mr Michael Foot, Lord President and Leader of the House, amending the order of business for the committee stage in order to deal with a new clause (Referenda in Scotland and

He submitted that in the selecting both the motion and the new clause the Chair had departed from precedents firmly set by past rul-ings established in strictly compar-able circumstances.

In doing so (he said) we are establishing a new precedent and setting up beyond all donot that amendments to any Bill before the House may make the act which that Bill is designed to become. operative solely ad-rejerendum to

Erskine May supported his con-tention. An amenument to a Bill proposing that the provision of a Bill should be subject to a referendum had been ruled out of order as proposition changes in legislative procedure which would be contrary to constitutional practice.

In setting out that proposition, Erskine May cited two precedents, one from the committee stage of one from the committee stage of the Government of Ireland Bill 1920 and from the Representation of the People Bill 1917. Erskine May did have a partial example in the opposite direction set out in a footnote. That concerned an amendment to the European Communities Bill.

For the first time (he said) we have a proposal on an amendment to a Bill to make that bill cd-referendum before it is effective as an Act of Parliament. This is an alteration to the government of the United Kingdom as a whole and the precedent itself affects the whole of the United Kingdom.

The Chairman (Mr Oscar Murton, Poole, C) said he was fully aware of the precedents quoted and would not have considered going against a long standing rule without what seemed to him to be very good reason. It is clear to me (he said) that the Referendum Act 1975 has largely destroyed the basis upon

which the previous rulings were It certainly cannot be held that a referendum represents a change in legislative procedure which would be contrary to constitutional prac-

Mr Foot then moved the pro-cedural motion enabling the House to discuss the referendum instead of waiting until the end of the

of waiting until the end of the committee stage.

He said that MPs could discuss the clause which would enable matters of principle and merit to be debated. Next week they could discuss the individual amendment dealing with all the questions raised by MPs.

On the argument for considering the possibility of making the referendum consultative, the Government must be prepared to consider what the House would say on the matter, He would reserve

on the matter. He would reserve the question of what advice the Government would give on that argument until the proper point

importance, was consultative rather than effective. Parliament having made clear that there are discussioned in which it can regard a referendum when it can regard a real-cate an a necessary consequence of a measure which affects its legisladive competence. I believe that when the main purpose of a Bill is to creat other authorities which will enjoy concurrent competence, an additional provision to authcrise a referendum must now be

I recognize the force of Lir Mini-millan's apprehensions that this change in our procedure might be opening the door to a flood of amendments of this nature to all manner of Ellis and for tritial reasons. I would, revertheless, remind him and MPs that the Gini-the the power of selection of has the power of selection of amendments which I personally would not hesitate to use in appro-

Mr John Mendelson (Penisto Lab) said they would be embarking on changing the constitution of this country into a Swiss constitu-tion if they adopted this course. It would mean that in the middle of a Bill it would be possible for the executive to introduce, for reasons that might be of their own counsel,

priate cases.

Historical sanctions had been

not place any delay on the coming into force nor any condition upon the coming into force of an Act of Parliement. The Act it concerned had already been on the statute Mr George Conningham (Islington, South and Firsbury, Lab) asked if they were to undersond that the Chile would, in frame.

take the view that an amendment to provide for a referendum on a Bill, where no transfer of powers away from the House of Commons was involved, would not be Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C)

said the issue could well turn out to be fer more important than the Bill itself, because it did in many ways undermine the authority of the House.

Mr Reginald Prentice (Newhart fundamentally affected by the fact North-East, Lab) said the amolety that the 1975 referendum, dealing was based on the fear that they as it did with a matter of the might be accidentally diminishing highest national and constitutional the sovereignty of the House.

Massive majority for procedural motion

consultative Mr Edward Heath (Bexley Sideup, C) said the ruling was right There was making wrong with this procedure at all because it still lay in decision on every aspect of it. What concurrs me more than anything (he said) is that we as an institution are becoming ossified.
We have long prided ourselves we had greater flexibility than other constitutions. We do not have a

artimen constitution. Vir John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Leihian, Lab) said the key issue was whether a referendum at this singe should be a separate Bill. Many MPs might feel in favour of a referendum on this issue, but object to this method of bringing a reierradam about.

Mr Leo Absa (Postypool, Lab) said large numbers of other MPs wanted a referendum, but they would be placed in an impossible position if they had to vote against the principle of a referendum in order to be cole to assert their postupe as parliamentarians beliving they should not subvert their sweezignry.

Mr Michael Foot. Lord President of the Council (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said it was his submission that they should accept the ruling the chair-man had made. He agreed with that had been said by Mr Heath. ie house that was the way they areld proceed.

It was his understanding that the

cuestions raised would be in order and the House could give its view. One of the questions was the distinction between a manda-tory referencem and the permissite of consultative one.

a mandatory referendum, and the prescount quoted was a consultative one. That matter was one which should be debated in the House and one which the Government would be eager to take into account in representations made by the House, or in any amendment more? which would make the referendum they proposed consultative rather than mandatory. suitative rather than mandatory.

If that were the case, his submis-It that were the case, his submis-sion was that they would have removed one obstacle at least. It would strengthen the reasons for the acceptance of the Chairman's

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition stokesman on devolution and House of Commons affairs, Cambridgeshire, C) said they ought to take stock. Mr Foot had already indicated the possibility of a ferties of Harbbilly, about the

this justified any change of the rules or order.
The Chairman might consider edjourning the proceedings. (Conservative cheers)—so that he could consider the representations that had been made, and if he thought it appropriate, to consult further with the Speaker and the thouse would find a way in which they could return to this matter and satisfy themselves that what was proposed was in all the Cir-

cumstances entirely right. The Chairman—Is he moving to report progress? Mr Pym-If that is the necessary procedure to achieve the adjournment and dolay for further consideration that I have just

argued—res, I do.
The motion to report progress,
was rejected by 248 votes to 197— Government majority, 51. After the division, there were further points of order.

Mr Maurice Macmillan said this was a major constitutional issue. If they were to alter procedures in this way it should be done by resolution and after time had been given to consider the roling.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said there had been an hour's debate in which some had taken part without even saying "With due respect, Mr Chairman" or "With due deference to your

With all due deference and With all due deference and respect—(Laughter)—if when I want to challenge the Chart the said) I am told I must put down a motion, I expect some of these MFs to be told the same, Notwithstanding the fact that I cannot stand the sight of the devolution Bill, everyone in this House should be treated alike. (Labour cheers.)

The Challenge of the Chart the law to down was proposed in the sault on a policeman to avoid arrest vas indictable offence. It there should be despared to the same of the same The Chairman—In some respects Mr Skinner has taken the words out of my mouth. (Laughter.) I have listened carefully to everything that has been said both against and in support of my ruling. I assure the committee that I have thought deeply about the course I have taken. I realize it is a new precedent of great import-ance. Nevertheless, I must adhere

If any MP is dissatisfied—and I would understand such dissatisfaction—it is open to him or her to take the customary course and put down a motion. Sir Bernard Braine (South East

Essex, C) said the House wanted time to reflect on the ruling. (Labour cries of "No") It was a a degree of flexibility about the status of the referendum, whether it should be consultative or mandative should be consultative or mandative. But the question was whether was not a trivial matter. matter which touched upon the constitutional rights of Parliament and people. (Labour protests.) It

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18 cases.
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The procedural motion was carried by 249 votes to 64-Govern-

Mr Jim Sotth, Minister of State, mPrivy Council Office, then moved the new clause on referendums.

whether he should withdraw the new clauwe and introduce a separate Bill now that the potential dangers of the matter had come to the attention of the House. the attention of the House.

Mr Foot said that the Government gave careful consideration to the clauve, and in order to ensure that they should avoid the burring of the issue that might be involved in other than the control of the same that they are that they are the same than the

other kinds of referendum.

The Opposition had said the Overnment were inflexible, rigid, obstinate, refusing to make any concession, yet the committee was discussing a concession by the Government on the referendum.

We are taking account of what is said in this House Over 15th and the said in this House Over 15th and to said in this House (he said) and to

discussed next week Mr Pym seid he had criticized Mr Foot for being precipitate in bringing the referendum clause and that was justified. Mr Foot had said the Government had considered bringing in a separate Bil. The House sideration was based on constitu-

There should be appropriate time to discuss these issues which would certainly prec ude any idea of a guillotine motion in relation to them. That would be unjusti-

The closure was carried by 253 yotes to 51—Government majority,

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Parliamentary House of Commons Today at 11.00: Pass (Educational and Other Rentcharges Bill and members' Bills, second to

Devolving to Ulster non-legislative tasks

tion might not satisfy all the aspirations of all the parties in Northern Ireland, Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said, but the idea could provide a subject for discussion to see what could grow from it.

Mr Mason (Barnsley, Lab), replying to several questions, said—At their request I met repre-sentatives of the Social Democratic and Labour Party on January 31 and the Official Unionist Party on February 1. At both meetings I emphasized that the first requirement for political or constitutional

ment for pointed for the parties to demonstrate a willingness to seek agreement with each other.

The Government wish to see the establishment of a system of devolved government which commend wides properly wides to see the establishment of a system of devolved government which commends wides present accentance. mands widespread acceptance throughout both parts of the com-mentry in Northern Ireland and which provides for participation and partnership by representatives

of both commissities. believe that the people of Northern Ireland share that wish and that they are looking to their political leaders to rise above nar-row party interests and to work together in the greater interest of Northern Ireland.

Given the willingness to work

together, I will play my part and I am sure the constitutional questions can then be resolved. The first step is for the parties to talk together. The idea of administrative non-legislative administrative non-legislative devolution may not satisfy all the aspirations of the parties, but it could provide a subject for discussion to see what could grow from

I do not exclude interim arrange-

ments for partial devolution pro-vided that they involve some real power and responsibility and are not merely advisory.

If the parties show willingness to work together they will not find me slow to respond.

me slow to respond.

Mr John Biggs-Davison, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Epping Forest, C)—Does that mean that, pending an agreement between the different elements in the political life of the province, he would be willing to advance proposals to keep democracy alive in the yawning gap between the district councils in Northern Ireland and this House? Mr Mason—There is a gap between local councils and parliamentary representation but in the course of direct rule, the five ministers present in the province are doing their utmost to bridge that gap.

It would be far better to have devolved government run by their own politicians nearer to the people. The time is not yet outpurport.

people. The time is not yet oppor-Inne.

I am going through another round of discussions with the political parties and have made arrangements with the secretaries of the Alliance Party and the Democratic Unionist Party to meet them next week.

Mr John Wakinson (West Gloucestershire, Lab)—Can he say, as a result of his talks with the political parties in Northern Ireland, if he sees any movement or development on the power-sharing front or whether he sees any acceptability across the broad spectrum of the political parties of administrative devolution? Mr Mason-On our meetings so parties wish to discuss even that.

on honours list

for next week had been announced

by Mr Michael Foot, Lord Presi-

dent of Council, Mr Nicholas Fafr-

saire (Kinross and West Perti-shire, C) said—In view of recent revelations, some of which MPs regard as trivial, will Mr Foot have a debate on the proper method of preparing the Honours. List and the conduct of Central convergence at the highest level?

government at the highest level?
Mr Foot—We are not going to

have a debate on that next week. We are not even going to write a poem about it. (Loud laughter.)

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Coine, Lab) asked if the Lord

move to set up a select committee to inquire into the patronage of the Prime Minister's Office, parti-

Neither debate nor poetry

During questions after the business cularly in relation to the Honours

only serves Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said the

ro. There has been no willingness to move by the CUP leadership. They said they still stand by the majority convention report, although flowing from proposals here some weeks 250 they would like to 52e a little movement in

local government. That would be willingly discussed if other parties were prepared to talk about it. Eir Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton. South-West, C)—It is unjust for Northern Ireland to contime to be so under-represented at Westminster so many years after the abolition of Stormont. Nic Mason-That is not primarily for me, but I have explained to the political parties in Northern Ire-land and to the House on many

more it serves the cause of the

democracy.

I would think that only the Provisionals could gain from this case.
(Cheers.)

back in that way are imposing a veto on political development in Northern Ireland. They have some responsibility on their shoulders. Business in the House of Commons MONDAY: Job Release Bill, second reading, Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisiona) Bill, cemaining stances narrow party differences and be prepared to defer to other political parties and be willing to discuss ways of finding a form of devolved reading. Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill remaining stages. In USBDAY and WEDNESDAY: Gottland and Wales Bill. Committee stage. IHURSDAY: Dobates on standards in education and on unemployment in the South West. Motion on British Railways Board (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order. FRIDAY: Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill. Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) full and other private members' Bills. second reading. fig whether there is devolved government or political agreement in Northern Ireland and they would rather that there was not. Business in the House of Lords All the political parties in North-era Ireland which have any sub-stantial electoral support are represented in this House and their

Court hearing cause of IRA

more that allegations of torture nore that allegations of torture against Britain were pursued by the Irish at the European Court of Human Rights the more they served the Cause of the Provisional IRA.

Mr James McCusker (Armagh, UUUC) had asked if Mr Mason, while in Dublin took the oppor-

seach. Our views have been placed on record. The more this is publi-cized at the European Court the

Next week

Dusiness in the House of Lords TUESOAY: Patents Bill: committee stage. Public Lending Right Bill: and Passen; per Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill: second reading. WEDNESDAY: Short debates on Snow-don report on integration of the dis-about and on Court roport on child such services. Debatable question on supply of teachers of religious educa-tion.

tunity to tell the Irish Prime Ministurnly to tell the Irish Prime Minis-ter that his Government were at least being hypocritical in pursuing the case through the courts of Europe while some of his Armagh constituents were suffering similar torture in prison in Port Laoise. Mr Mason—I do not think I would be as blunt as that with the Taoi-

Frovisionals.

Some years ago we recognized that we had been guilty of ill-treatment of 14 prisoners. We admitted it. We have paid compensation to those 14. I would think that a first class example of mature

tion.
THURSDAY: Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill, report stage. Debate on EEC developments. Debatable question on off-peak tartifs for domestic spece heating.

said) that it would be better if the said) that it would be belief it the referendum were mandatory but if there are other reasons why it should be consultative and if there was the further reason that the House thought it should be con-

the House, that factor would have to be taken into account. Mr Pym said the purpose and intransparent for all to see. It was an attempt by the Government to try

sultative to protect the position of

attempt by the Government to try and reach a position where they might be able to impose a time-table on the Bill.

The only case that could be made out for the motion was that the Government were bogged down in a jungle of their own creation and were frantically trying to find their way out.

The debates so far had shown that this particular form of devolu-

that this particular form of devolu-tion was full of flaws, that it had wide implications for the United Kingdom and was an expensive scheme. He could not think it was right to continue with this Bill, with this particular form of devoinion.

A guillotine motion would be totally unjustified. It would be a travesty of their proceedings over a matter involving constitutional

reform.

Although the Opposition would certainly be justified in raising a or agreed with the Liberals, the official Opposition or anybody else on any of tiese matters.

should get on with the arguments until the Government's conversion and withdrawal of this Bill, this particular form of devolution. Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and

East Lothian, Lab) said the referendum on devolution viss referendum on devolution was brought in because fundamentally there was not a majority in the House for the Bill. Some MPs made passionate speeches against the Bill, but still voted for it. They made a laughing stock of the House. The only was to unscramble the mess would be to hold a referendum right away.

had previously thought (he Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) said the motion was introduced at this stage in order to try to get Labour MPs to vote for the guillotine.—(Cheers.)—It had nothing to do with democracy. Mr Foot has posed throughout his political career as a defender of the higher principles of democracy. The trouble was that he had forgotten the first principles of democracy Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said he never ceased to marvel at what one heard in the House. He thought he had heard it all, but he never expected to be given a lecture by Mr Heath on

flexibill: (Laughter.) Any idea that the referendum on Any ties that the referending on this subject had the finality attrib-uted to the EEC referending did not make sense. All they might be doing, if they were not careful, was adding to the momentum of the SNP.

Mr William Eamilton (Central File, Lab) said he would not be influenced by the Government's strategem. There was a report that the Government realized that if they made concessions to the Liberals or to the Tories they would alienate more votes among Labour MPs than they would gain. Mr Foot-No bargains were sought

joined four years ago. There was not the slightest doubt that further

He was disappointed to hear Mr

Jenkins say the commission would not be involved in the direct elec-

Signor Renato Sandri (Italy), tor the Communist group, said the main danger in the Community was

man nanger in me community was regression. They were going backwards from economic and monetary union. Unemployment and inflation were causing an increasing imbalance between the states and

these difficulties could not be

overcome simply by improving the machinery of the institutions.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) said Mr Jenkius had said every-thing or nearly everything or notining or almost nothing. There

was reason to expect from a presi-dent like Mr Jenkins some specific fargets or some forceful new initia-

Only the Commission was in a

said throughout the Bill Mr Foot was not putting Scotland and Wales first but his party. Sir Peter Rawlinson (Epsom and Ewell, C) said every MP knew perfactly well that a referendum, whatever it was about, was a degregation of Parliament. It represented a decline in the authority of the House. The House outlier (he said) to

of the House ought (he said) to realize what it is doing. It is introducing a referendum by this clause and this will mean that it will have established such a precedent that never again, in any sort of meanths will then be able to register.

sure, will they be able to resist a demand for a referendum. Mr Donaid Anderson (Swansea, East, Lab) said it was symbolic that the Covernment were tabling their amendments at this juncture—before Clause four of the Bill was considered. He was concerned that the move was no more than a sweetener on the road

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Kinross and West Perinshire, C) said it was strange logic that apparently Mr Foo: regarded it as a sufficient reason for the people of the Bill when some MPs made representations to him, but on the other hard the votes of MPs on the Bill were not considered sufficient

justification for passing it. Nir Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab) sald it was to be hoped that, wide as the differences were between many NPs on the issue of devolu bon, they at least wanted to mit-igate some of the consequences triat were coming from a referen-dum which was prompted and caused endrely because a govern-ment claimed to have a mandate which it never possess Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C)

said the decision to select the amendment created the most dangerous precedent. Steps must be taken to ensure that the consetaken to ensure that the conse-quences which would seem to fol-low from that decision did not follow in the House because they struck of the basis of their dem-ocratic system.

said in this House (he said) and to carry out our pledge to the people of Scotland, Wales and Britain to put this Bill on the statute book. That is what we ask the House to do and this is part of the process of achieving it.

Whether the referendum was mandatory or consultative could be discussed next week.

or political considerations.

There was a report that next
Thursday Mr Foot intended to
announce a timetable motion on
the Bill the following week. fied. It would be a parliamentary

Important to sustain Europe's nascent democracies-Mr Jenkins

European Parliament

tiative to get things done.

Mr Roy Jenkius, President of the Commission, replying to a seven-hour debate on his statement on Tuesday and on the state of the Community, said he had no intention of presiding over a supine Commission. He and the Commis-sion would not be afraid of the Council of Ministers and would not hesitate to use their power of ini

Their proposals would be pre-pared with such care that although the Council might reject them first time round, they would eventually find they had to adopt them because of their relevance and because of the pressure from MPs and European public opinion.

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Herr Ludwig Fellermaier (West Germany) opening the debate for the Socialist group, said the jungle of regulations in the common agricultural policy made the whole thing look like a fictional policy. The CAP was a cornerstone of the Community but no European architect would build a house on a cornerstone like that. a house on a cornerstone like that.

Mr Jenkins was right to adopt a step-by-step approach to the future and not to present a clear blue-print. Earlier documents like the Werner and Tindemans reports had got the Community nowhere. Mr Affred Bertrand (Belgium), for the Christian Democrats, said Mr Jenkins had given the impression of trying hard to hide the facts. The President of the Commission was apparently not in a position to spell out complete and coherent policies. He had simply listed problems without giving any clear idea of how to resolve them.

there was a danger of increasing protectionism in world trade. Such slogans as "Buy British" and "Made in Germany" had led eventually to the Second World War.

It the eastern block countries mission. Power seemed to have passed to the Council at its quar-

Mr Cornells Berkhouwer (Netherlands) said, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic group,

EEC they had to introduce greater human freedoms.

He complained about the way he had been stopped at the Luxem-He complained about the way he had been stopped at the Luxembourg-Belgium border by Customs men and that when he went to Britain he had to go through immigration control. The British had British passport holders, foreign passport holders and Commonwealth passport holders. All those things, all the officers concerned, had to be swept away. The Community had to be made to mean something to the man in the mean something to the man in the

Mr Brian Lenihan (Ireland, Fianna Fail), speaking for the European Progressives, said it was time the Community adopted a positive employment policy. There had to be a massive transfer of resources through the social and regional funds and this could only be done by an act of faith in the import-ance of those funds. The common agricultural fund was also a social fund and he

deplored the growing tendency to set consumers against producers. The CAP was a social fund involvrural areas. It was a cornerstone of the Community and its principles were written into the Treaty of At present the CAP was partly a consumer policy with £1.5m being

used from the agricultural fund to

subsidise consumers food expenditure, particularly in the United Kingdom. Sir Peter Kirk (Saffron Walden, C), for the European Conservative group, said it was a matter of some surprise that Mr Jenkins had devoted so little attention to European union and whether anything could be saved from the Tindemans report

position to devise solutions for the Community as a whole. Mr Jenkins was right to empha-size the democratic importance of direct elections. There was an undirect elections. There was an unholy alliance between some Powellites and members of the Labour Party at Westminster who were intent on scuppering direct elections. But those who felt strongly that they should go ahead would try to ensure that the 1978 deadline approved by all member governments would be met. mans report.

The creation of the European Council (the meeting of heads of government) had brought the Community to a standstill. The decision-making process had got completely fouled up and the European Council was in danger of

pollution it was not surprising that there was a danger of the people regarding political institutions with contempt. This was why he welcomed Mr Jenkins's speech not so much as a programme for action not have busy men, heads of government, coming together for one and a half days, without any preparation and then coming to decisions only in the vaguest of but as a statement of the Commis-As for enlargement, the Community had just recovered from the upheaval caused when Britain, Denmark and Ireland

but as a statement of the Commission's philosophy.

While there was a regional fund, there was no regional policy and he trusted that the president's statement meant the Commission was going to produce one. In this they would have the support of the Socialist group because if they were to mount a serious campaign against unemployment, it had to be Mr Cornrells Laban (Netherlands, Soc) said he agreed that the CAP should be more outward looking. He asked Mr Jenkins to give more details of his thinking on this year's farm price review—would lower producer prices go hand in hand with a dismantling of the green currency system and with earlier plans for a milk levy? Did the Commission intend to press ahead with its old idea for a mar-

garine tax which had twice been rejected by the Assembly? Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) said the application from Greece was on the table and Turkey, Spain and Portugal were likely to apply.
The Community ought to say that they should reach certain minimum standards before they were allowed

Herr Manfred Schmidt (Germany, Soc) said they must do everything they could to overcome the domestic problems and national egotism of the Community instead of saying that they could not have new members because the Community had not yet been able to deal with its own problems. The Community could not remain merely nine richer states but must devise policies to make it easier for new

Mr Richard Mitchell (Southamp-ton, Itchen, Lab) said that the European Parliament would be considerably strengthened when they had directly-elected MPs, directly responsible to the European electorate. We as politicians (he said) should never forget that politics is not about economic theories. In the last resort it is

theories. In the last resort it is about people.

The Socialist group believes in direct elections. The Socialist group believes that these elections should be held in 1978. The message that should go out from here today is a message to all national governments requesting them to do everything in their power to deal with the national legislation and the rest so that we have direct elections in May, 1978.

The Person Legislation President of the Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, said enlargement of the EEC was a major issue. There might have been some misunder-

standing of his view on this. I wish to make it clear (he said) that I in no way wish m underplay the important political issue here involved—the importance of our involved—the importance to dar-giving political sustenance to mas-cent democracies in Europe, in-deed the political imperativeness of our returning a satisfactory answer to those countries.

settled. The Commission was fully committed to negotiations leading to Greek membership! As to Portugal, it was essential that they had regard to their legitimate requirement for political sustemance from the democratic community of Europe. If they were unable to give that it would be a considerable criticism of them. It was not only important, but com-mon sense, to arrive at a politically satisfactory solution.

The Greek issue was regarded as

They also had to dook at the slightly longer perspective and see that there would probably be other countries seeking membership, including Spain. They would not be serving their own interests nor those of appliown interests not those of appli-cant countries if they ignored the economic difficulties of prospec-tive new members, not in order to erect them as barriers against giv-ing a satisfactory political answer, but in order to make governments face up to the fact and say: "If you, like us, want to get a satisfac-tory political answer, you must

also realize that there mic problems to be so say must be prepared to printering to solve the Regional policy : towards a complete framework and that had underlined tha

policy should not be the Regional Fund bu phical dimension and text of economic polic ance to a reexamin regional development The Commission we timed in using to the of initiative. I have no intention being timid in defendi

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Ray, without compromising his central humanist concerns, seems to have made a conscious effort to connect the people of his films with the larger context of their world. In Com-pany Limited the background concerned the erbics of modern business. The title of Distant Thunder implied the effect of the Second World War and India's great famine upon a tiny, isolated community.

The Middle Man, his newest

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With only pass degrees Som-nath and his friend Sukumar are in a job marker where the odds are impossible: a million applications for 10 jobs. Suku mar setules to become a taxi mar sermes to become a taxt driver. Somnath bumps into an acquaintance who advises him to go into business on his own. With a rected desk, a payphone and some prioted letter-heading it is easy to set up as a "middle-man", running around soliciting and filling orders for anything, from car-bon paper to elephants. Painfully he learns the ropes

and overcomes the initial prejudice of a strict Brahmin prejudice of a strict Brahmin upbringing. He learns to give and take bribes and swe-teners. The hardest part of his training comes when he has to provide a business man with a girl, to kind a big order. (The business man is as much a victim as the rest: he owes his compal foregrations to have his sexual frustrations to have ing married the boss's crippled daughter.) The girl, supplied by the caretaker of a commer-cial school who runs a profitable prostitution racket among the students on the side, turns out to be Sukumar's sister. Somnath has a hard time with his conscience; but proves himself a business man at the

Ray's characters are drawn in terms so essentially human that we can feel an instant identification with them. In his films the unfamiliarity of the features, the costumes, the setimportant: we are only aware of the problems of fellow human beings as foolish, funny and bothered as the rest of us. The small-time business world of The Middle Man is as rich in individuals as the village of Pather Panchali, from the cross little stationery clerk tho orders up Somnath's letterheadings to the PR smoothy who becomes his guide in the necessary arts of corruption; or the self-important job interviewer who feels it relevant to discover if interviewees know the weight of the moon; or Somnath's own father, aristocratic and over-nice for a world whose realities, like the hero of Ray's The Music Room, he studiously evades.

As well as a master of character. Ray is a master of narrative, using old and un-fashionable techniques like the montage sequence with such appreciation of their value as story-telling devices that they seem in his hands like new inventions. One outcome of the seem-

ingly insatiable public appetite for violence, it seems, will be a rediscovery of the possibilities in this direction offered by the Second World War. Sam Peckinpah's Cross of Iron is only the advance guard, Based on a

novel by the German writer Willi Heinrich, it deals with an area of the war well trodden by European film-makers but new to America, the Eastern,

man retreat.
Shooting in Yugostavia,
Peckinpah has let his special life-sized, moulded rubber bodies", says the publicity, "were fashioned to scatter the battlefields with the dead... and the special effects crew detonated counties shell hits. contrived bullet wounds on withing infantymen, seutbunkers sky-high, brought dilapidated buildings crumbling to the ground and generally left the populace of this forgiving country in no doubt that a country in no doubt that a film of war was being made? Peckinpah has devised novel excitements, too: a body ground into the mud under lorry wheels; a soldier having his penis birten off, quite deservedly, by a Soutet lady prisoner. The violence is enhanced in the way Peckingth her established on his own. pah has established as his own style: slow motion painfully prolongs an explosion or a death agony; the self-consciously exquisite compositions and colour serve to heighten the heaven

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"We watch our wars and see men die, really die, every cay on television, but it doesn't seem real. We've been anaesthetized. When people complain about the way I handle violence, what they're really-saying is, 'Please, don't show me. I don't want to know ...' Where violence is shown for its own sake alone, though, the anaesthesia effect is only reinforced, and in Cross of Iron war and its violence seem purely incidental to the story. The theme of ruthless individual ambition could just as well have been situated in the board room or on the sports field: the setting seems irrelevant apart from the degree of violence it permits.

scarred unit, commanded by a cynical and war weary Colonel (James Mason: you get the feeling the Garman army was staffed by very, very old sol-diers). Obsessed with the ambition of returning home with an escape from tormented times. Iron Cross, the newbroom a fantasy about a man whofficer is at once fascinated, jealous and resentful of the resourceful sergeant (James The about a part of the century of the control of the century of Coburn) who is the unit's legendary hero. Their conflict, and the sergeant's refusal to help the officer to an easy dec-oration, leads to eventual oration, leads to bloody confrontation.

The personal story, and even its big dramatic denouement, seem dwarfed by the setting; and perhaps this is more the reason for the ultimate sense of anti-climax than the unevenness of the multi-national cast,
with the English-speaking
actors (David Warner the most
interesting of them as a disillu-



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Cross of Iron: Maximilian Schell on the Eastern Front

ers. When the North Wind Blows, written and directed by Stewart Raffil, is a dream of a fantasy about a man who abandons his own kind to live with the tigers of Siberia, in the early years of the century. The photography is beautiful but the scenario is very inadequately thought out; and it is a lot easier to resist the appeal the human characters (there's a lot more about them of New York than Siberia) than the animals, who are beautiful, and impressively trained to sustain the essential fictions of the piece.

The Electric Cinema Club
bas a double bill of French

Maximilian Schell is the sioned and dysentry-tormented ambitious and aristocratic young officer) struggling to officer newly assigned, in his remember their German unsported uniform, to a battle accents—which tend to be a psychopath, it has a well-stuscarred unit, commanded by a good deal more pronounced died if showy early perforcynical and war weary Colonel than those of the real foreign mance by Jean-Louis Barrault, as a young inurnalist who muras a young journalist who mur-ders a loose-living girl in a fury of sexual repression mas-

querading as moral zeal. Le Baron Fantôme (1943), directed by Serge de Poligny, has dialogue by Jean Cocteau who also appears as the ghostly nobleman of the title. Beautifully staged and photographed (by René Hubert) it is set in 1826 and the time

High Romanticism-a tale of lost treasure, gloomy ruins, strange disappearances, mys-terious birthrights and passionate love. The Heathcliff-like hero is Alain Cuny; the love-lorn girls the radiant Odene Joyeux and Jany Holt; and Gabrielle Dorziat plays an elderly and opportunist grande dame. The Puritan is a curiosity maybe but this one is not

The ICA Cinema has another highly recommended double bill. Abel Gance—The Charm of Dynamite is Kevin Brownlow's loving record of the fine footage of the director in his still vigorous old age, and some rare material of the shooting of his masterwork, Napo-

Eadweard Muybridge—Zoopraxographer was made by Thom Anderson as a degree thesis, and is a mericulous account of the life and work of the English-born photographer whose photographic studies of motion in the 1870s and 1880s; were one of the most significant precursors of the motion picture. Anderson animates some of Muybridge's haunting still studies of animals and naked athletes; and speculates on the social and psychological implications of their impact the nineteenth-century

Irving Wardle

Clare Venables's incoming production as Stratford's artistic director is in the straight Theatre Workshop tradition: a valiant revival of the work that sundered O'Casey from his homeland and which to this day is variously regarded as a masterpiece and an outsize clanger.

Years's objection to the piece was that O'Casey was out of his depth in tackling the 1914-18 war. But, despite the cele-brated second act battlefield requiem, it seems to me that he was writing about something

Monteverdi Choir and

John Eliot Gardiner, who has

done so many exciting and

thought-provoking performances of Baroque music with his choir and orchestra, rurned on Wednesday to the B minor Mass. The performance was

broadly of the kind one would have expected: marked by clear textures, firm and well defined lines, and brisk tempos, and

informed by the virtuosity and flexibility of his athletic and responsive choir. It was good to have the music done with such vitality.

Yet there were moments

when one was inclined to wonder whether Mr Gardiner's

originality of approach actually served the music quite truly. Often, I thought, he did some-thing less because it seemed

the right way to do it, for com-pelling musical reasons, than

Thames Chamber

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Programmes of works by one composer are usually informa-tive, often illuminating, but not,

I have discovered, when they consist entirely of concertos by

Vivaldi, On Wednesday Michael

Dobson conducted his Thames

Chamber Orchestra in seven of these happy mediocrities, which

meant 14 movements of chatter-

ing quick rhythms and what must have been several hun-

dred polite conversational ex-changes between soloists and

Of soloists there were many,

varied. Most of the evening's

and in that respect the pro-gramme can be described as assignments in an E major

protagonists had a chance to brought excellent timing and

shine in the opening C major an alert tone.

Orchestra

orchestra.

Paul Griffiths

Orchestra/Gardiner

Festival Hall

Stanley Sadie

certainly illustrates this theme mainly through the war; but it also crops up in the hospital relationships between the playboy surgeon and his patients, and in domestic contacts between the fortunate and the unfortunate. And Jessie would equally have dropped Harry for a healthy man if he had con-tracted polio instead of being. paralysed by shell-fire. However, the present version is not likely to change anybody's

view of the play as it swings between the usual poles of anti-militarism and comic relief: Nor is O'Casev's meaning helped by a company more intent on looking Irish than

because he felt it would make

a good effect.
There is nothing wrong with

being effective, especially if you can do it as efficiently as Mr

Gardiner does. But from time to

time the treatment appeared to

run against the music's natural

sense. I would cite for example

some of the sudden piano

effects, like that at the start of the second "Osanna"; or

some of the rather mannered phrasing, as in the "Cum sancto Spiritu"; or the unnaturally

Spiritu; or the unnaturally rapid dash, without braking to the end of a movement, specially marked in the "Ec

It is his own and his choir's

virtuosity that tempt Mr Gar-diner into doing things like these. I do not imagine that Bach's Thomanerchor, nor indeed the cherubim he now

doubtless directs, could do it, or would want to if they could.

But they would surely envy the beautifully wrought phrasing of the first "Kyrie", the pointed articulation of the "Gloria", he cool yet intense "Et incarners" or throughout the

natus", or, throughout, the pre-

piece, which was in effect a

concerno for baroque orchestra,

with flutes, oboes, trumpets, harpsichords, violins, violas and cellos all given their opportunities. Mr Dobson commanded his forces with some spirit, and the music was kept

well on its course as pair after pair of instruments dropped in

to do their party piece. There were a few slippery moments where ensemble appeared atrisk, particularly in the violin section, but generally nothing went move were appeared.

went very much awry.

That was how the concert

continued, amiably but un-inspiringly. Things did pick up a bit, however, in a number of

the solo passages, and fortunately there was a good array

of soloists drawn from within

the orchestra. John Bacon, the

he knew all too well at first Whelan and John Halstead's hand: the ease with which comtelephone scene), and an all-too Horse in the House fortable citizens can endure the easy acceptance of O'Casey's sufferings of the afflicted. He rhetorical solos which repeatedly freeze the surrounding company in mid-booley. Also, in a play that employs as much music as this, Miss Venables might have strengthened her cast with a few singers. To the end it is impossible to decide whether Vince

Brimble is trying to arouse sympathy for Harry's destroyed youth or recognition of his vindictive self-pity because the two elements never come into common focus. Tragi-comedy, however, does strike in the hos-pital scene with the arrival of Harry's well meaning friends, each inflaming his despair with monumental tactlessness. And the spectre of the two maimed playing characters. There is a veterans wandering like living great deal of wild scampering, dead among the party guests and farce laid on with a does afford a glimpse of the builder's trowel (such as Robert play's underlying magnitude.

cise singing of the florid music and the well balanced textures. At one point (the "Et in terra paxe" fugue) Mr Gardiner seemingly used a semi-chorus; and from the "Sanctus" on-wards he had a double one. There were no doubt good reasons for adding the Portsmouth Festival Choir at that point, but changing from a choir of under 60 to one of about 120 in midstream might be thought ill advised. The last part of the work had, necessarily, a different kind of interpretation: Mr Gardiner's grandioso manner in the "Dona" touched on an expressive world remote (and happily

so) from that of the earlies movements.
There was obbligato playing from the orchestra members—Nona Liddell limpid in the "Laudamus" violin part, Edward Beckett shapely in the "Benedictus" flute one. Among a competent but un-exciting solo team Anthony Rolfe Johnson gave special pleasure in the tenor solos.

Other attractions included the fine, bright pair of trumpeters in William Houghton and Edward Hobart, and a concordant pair of oboists in Neil Black and Edwin Roxburgh, Mr Black having four concertos in which to display his ingratiating voice. Richard Dobson's flute was cool and fresh, and Robert Ald-winckle's contributions from the harpsichord were always enjoyably lively.
On the whole, though, this

was an evening of only faint pleasure. Perhaps one should expect no more from Vivaldi's concertos, but I am inclined to think that some of them can yield a little more than that. All that is required is a more perfect cohesion than the Thames Chamber Orchestra could manage this time and, above all, some attempt at

Stanley Reynolds When Lenin sat on a throne in

minded English socialists were outraged by the fact that the monarch of the proletariat liked taking guns and going into the woods to shoot things. Fabians had an odd, indeed a bourgeois, attitude towards huntin', fishin' and shootin'.

I imagine that something somewhat similar is at work in England today about girls and horses. Thus the rather gross attitude by previewers of a Horse in the House, the new Thames reatime show, a six-part series about a girl and a horse, which started on Wednesday. Mr Elkan Allan, in The Sunday Times, dismissed it as an appalling (or was it dreadful?) middle-class series.

One does not wish to get and maintenance of horseflesh. bogged down in an argument about the middle classes; dreadful or appalling. It is the atti-tude towards horses and girls, girls and horses, that is highly suspect, bordering on the Freudian both in advocates and critics, and which could perhaps take several thousand words to

werely ruminate upon.

William Corbin's story,
adapted for television by Rosemary Ann Sisson, is a teatime

hero of the ser
along, but he en
asking if we coul
buy another dog.

David Robinson treat for girls. Most of children's television is for boys, and that is perhaps not a bad thing. Horse in the House is without a. doubt a touch haute bourgeoise. The heroine, Melanie (Kim McDonald) lives in a rather zany household: the mother (Bridget

Armstrong) paints, another sister is writing a novel, the father is, evidently, among the missing, and the house they live in is rather spread out and all rather grand. There is also an exceedingly sinister character lurking in the background: a man with a drooping Mexican style moustache, chain-snoking cig-arettes, and eyeing girl and horse, perhaps horse and girl, in a most D. H. Lawrence manner. Anyway, abandoning that fantasy, this is straightforward girls' teatime television with: some marvellous shots of horses, and what is, I am sure, bound to prove to be a melo-

dramatic plot; also with some helpful hints about the care So, forgetting the nonsense, any girl who rides, and any young boy who can overcome the English prejudices about horses being for girls, should enjoy this series. I watched it, however, with my five year-old son, who loved the scenes of the big black horse, Orbit, the hero of the series, galloping along, but he ended it all by asking if we could not possibly

The Velvet Glove BBC 2

Jan Stephens "A shilling life will give you

all the facts ", wrote Auden of someone. Of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, nothing could be farther from the truth. Two generations of biographers have some standard for the shrewd businesswoman springs to life: "I spent more than \$20,000 on you. All wasted." sparred over the contradictions in her history; she herself_did nothing to remove them. Yet some degree of foreknowledge money-loving, so authoritarian that it was said the Pope was more liberal: and she was indis-.

putably full of vitality.
In Mother, this week in the
Velvet Glove series, Mr Jonathan Raban seizes on an inci-dent which occurred three years before her death in 1910 at the age of 89. This old lady, in her time much given to litiga-tion, had an action brought against her by the son of her first marriage to obtain an account of her finances. The scene is set. How will Mr Raban fill it?

only about ice-cream with a but surely also a monstre wrong flavour, enumerating her sacrée.

miracles over the luncheon table: distinctly childish but of course pathetic. And there are terrors in the night. (Remember that in real life she had to call on morphia to "allay the illu-sions of physical agony".) Nothing but a lullaby of tributes and good wishes will send her back to sleep. Then enters the rough ne'er-do-well

And so; amid all the fore-bodings of her household, the judge and his colleagues come to test for themselves her capacity to handle her affairs. dramatic ability that we find ourselves wondering, and another that we see her rise to the occasion, ever so sweetly, before sending them off in agonies of boredom at her conplacent account of her church.
All the same, this would go
for very little and we might
ourselves be in agonies of boredom if it were not for Miss Mary Morris. Mr Raban may thank his stars, as other play-wrights have had cause to do, for such an actress. In this tough and yet endearing characteriza-tion Miss Morris has contrived Well he will start by sentition Miss Morris has contrived mentalizing, by softening the to summarize those warring edges, quite legitimately. Here traits the biographers have reis a dear old lady, who is fierce corded. A monster, no doubt,

period technique, for it is always the second-rate that gains most from authenticity. Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yester-day's later editions.

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The fantasy out of England's reach

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

A comparison between England's 2-0 defeat by The Netherlands at Wembley on Wednesday night and that by Hungary in 1953 was not an exaggeration. If anything this latest embarrassment was even more revealing than that first opening of our eyes. At once it deflated and inspired. It increased existing doubts over the whole range of English football and, because it was watched by 90,000 at the stadium and a wider television audience, it highlighted the inadequacies for all to

Of many summaries heard after the event—it was never a "match"—perhaps the best came from the Dutch manager, Jan Zwartkruis, who said: "The Dutch game is different. It is a fantasy. We use our imagination. We create. We take risks." The remark came off the cuff, just as Dutch international football is created out of a desire to improvise and explore all options. This is the crux of England's

Having used almost all of his available players of "skill" and so palpably failed, Don Revie, the England manager, is in a tight and unenviable situation from which the only chance to emerge with any credibility is to patch up the team and hope that luck will favour the cautious. Much now depends on fortune if England are to qualify for the World Cup final competition in Argentina next year.

This time there was no apology from Mr Revie, only the honest facing of facts in the hope that English football rather than England's football would share the

confidence in board

By Keith Macklin

The ferocious debates which are rending asunder the chances of Newcastle United winning the championship took several new turns late yesterday. After the players had expressed a vote of no confidence in the griefing heard.

confidence in the existing board

of directors it was announced that the board would be meeting at St James' Park today to discuss the situation under the chairmanship of Lord Westwood.

The chairman has had words with Richard Dinnis, the chief coach, whose future with the club is very much the centre of the dispute, as the players demand his

promotion to manager, and the board keep him dangling as care-taker manager.

It is not often that Lord West-

wood, a prosperous and successful industrialist, is rold publicly that

he "will win no medals for good business management". Thus speaks the influential local newspaper, the Newcastle Journal, giving front-page headlines to a series of open letters to the principals of the principal of the princi

cipals in the increasingly rancor-ous and many-edged dispute which is threatening civil war between

the Newcastle players and the directorate, headed by Lord West-wood. Gordon Lee's departure to

Riverton set in train a series of revelations, rows and recriminations that have made the playing of football a lesser matter

Even more strident and forth-right is the exhortation to the

Newcastie chairman to realize that the days of the "master and slave relationship" in professional football are over. Lord Westwood, however, is not alone in feeling the lash of criticism from the representative of a thorough.

the representatives of a thorough-ly disenchanted public on football-mad Tyneside. The players are being fiercely criticized for their

Mr Diunis installed as manager.

Players pass vote of no

accuracy and good shooting are not acquired overnight. I'm thinking about returning to what is called the typically English style for the game against

Luxembourg."
Presumably, this will mean recalling an orthodox centre forward. But beyond this there will need to be several changes that will inevitably again disrupt the cause of continuity. A more tenacious midfield player with some ability to organize is urgently needed and the return of Gerry

Francis would be helpful. The defence on Wednesday became a shambles. McFarland's presence was badly missed and Beattie again showed why he should never be wasted at left back where he is uncomfortable and ineffective. Yet none of these amendments would do more than put a coat of paint over the rust.

There was only one hopeful performance, that of Trevor Francis who should not have been expected to fulfil a striker's role. If England are to exploit his young talents they must use him in his club position as someone who comes into the attack under the protection of a strong centre forward and with the benefit of

Tampering with the present group of players will probably produce nothing more than a functional team that may look like an early Leeds United. Any first division club side could always play more successfully than the national team. That could apply to most countries and begs the question.

The Dutch were drawn not merely from clubs around their country but from Spain Millwall quietly confident

There are allegations of indus-

degrees by the captain and spokes-man, Geoffrey Nulty, and the players. One player, Rocky Hudson, has asked for a transfer

after the controversial signing from Heart of Midlothian of Ralph Callachan. Others are said to be

restless and contemplating depar-ture from St James's Park. It is hardly a comfortable and secure

base for an assault on the League championship.

Mr Dinnis attempts to maintain

a dignified silence in most unnerving circumstances and vesterday in-

structed the team to follow his

example. On the one hand the players wish to see him appointed

manager in succession to his

mentor, Mr Lee. On the other

hand the directors, under the

chairmanship of Lord West-

chairmanship of Lord Westwood, remain tight-lipped about
replacing Mr Lee. Worse for
Mr Dinnis, the board delivered
what is regarded by the players
as a calculated snub to his, and
indeed Mr Lee's, judgment by
signing Callachan from Hearts on
the recommendation of the chief
scout, Leonard Richley, without
Mr Dinnis being informed.

The core of the controversy in
the north-east is that Lord Westwood is regarded by many as a
virtual dictator who, through his
board, controls policy to the detriment of a managers' status. Ian
Greaves, of Bolton Wanderers, has
rejected the opportunity to go
to St James's Park. Even Brian
Clough has been moved to say
that not even a 10-year contract
and the freedom of the city would
lure him to Newcastie.

Alan Hardaker, the secretary of

trators in the dispute.

blame. He said yesterday: "We cannot and Belgium, too. They were assembled apply anything like the Dutch showed us in a short space of time. Skill, balance, a few minutes' practice in half-light op Tuesday, they proceeded to serve one of the most sumptuous performances ever seen from an international team at

Wembley.
One of the deep rooted contributory factors in England's failure to keep pace with the leading football countries during the last six years has been the lionising of the average league match. The Dutch themselves said how much they enjoyed British club football but, knowingly, they seeemd to suggest it would never produce a team of their own calibre.

It should now be obvious that arguments along the lines that no British crowd would put up with the "continental" game cannot be valid in the light of the Dutch performance. The instinctively beautiful football of Cruyff, the ball mastery and fine finishing of Peters and the whole Dutch team's involvement in the "total" game enthralled the crowd.

Sadly, though, Mr Revie is probably right to say that such football would not be within England's reach for 10 or 15 years. The "fantasy" game is not easily taught. This memorable defeat was at least as painful as that by Hungary nearly 24 years ago because it was as predictable as that earlier occasion was unexpected to all

but a few voices of warning.

This time the warning lights had been flashing for years and England's Wembley record that was so impressive for so long now seems to be in peril in every match.

The next game, a World Cup the against
Luxembourg on March 30, should have
been shooting practice but now the target may be no more than to win.

Gow, who has hade only two
appearances as substitute since a
cartilage operation in October, returns to Bristol City's side for
their visit to Sunderland today.
Another change is the return to
the attack of kitchie,

the attack of kitchie,
Cardiff City have decided to
make their fifth round FA Cup
tie against Everton on February
26 all-ticket. The Cardiff secretary, Lance Hayward, said yesterday that Everton, who had sold
their fullallocation of 3,000 stand
tickets, were expected to bring
10,000 supporters.

10,000 supporters.

Everton will now be taking 2,500 additional enclosure tickets and 5,000 more for the terraces.

The ground capacity has been limited to 46,000.

Sansom, a Crystal Palace defender, is the only London-based player to win a place in the England 16-strong party for the international youth tournament match against Wales at Wrexham on Reburger, 28

match against Wales at Wrexham on February 23.

ENGLAND PARTY: C. Turner (Sheffleid Wednesday), C. Woods (Nottingham Forestr; K. Sansom (Crystal Palace), D. Statham (West Bromwich, Albion), P. Clark (Southend United), A. Kenworthy (Sheffleid United), R. Elazul (Walverhampion Wanderers), S. Lee (Liverpool), G. Cowans (Aston Villa), G. Eamson (Sheffleid United), K. Mabburt (Bristol City), M. Peiching (Wolverhampton), D. Managhan (West Bromwich), W. Entwistle (Bury), K. Summerfield (West Bromwich), Y. Novacki (Bolton Wanderers).

for Stamford Bridge game

Bill Garner could play his first game of the season for Chelsea in the London Derby against Mill-wall at Stamford Bridge tomorrow. Garner has recovered from a ham-

string injury and competes with Maybank for the striking role vacated by the leading scorer, Finnieston, who fractured a cheekbone against Carlisle United last Saturday.

Saturday.

Finnieston, whose 17 goals this season have played a big part in Chelsea's leading the second division, left hospital on Monday and will see a specialist today. Chelsea, three points shead of Wolverhampton and Rolton, were beaten 3—0 at the Den in September.

Trevor Lee could miss his first game of the season for Miliwall. Lee will break a sequence of 33 consecutive League appearances if he fails a fitness test on a groin strain today. Theo Foley, Miliwall's assistant manager, said yesterday: "Trevor must be rated doubtful at the moment. We hope

doubtful at the moment. We hope he is fit because a win would put us right in the promotion race. We are quietly confident of getting a good result after beating them 3—0 at the Den in September."

September."

Roger Cross, Millwall's £8,000 signing from Breneford, must wait for his first appearance. Cross, who moved to the Den three weeks ago, is still receiving treatment for a hamstring injury.

Brian Greenhoff, of Manchester United, will be fit for tomorrow's game at White Hart Lane against Tottenham Hotspur. Although he damaged a shoulder in Wednesday night's international match against The Netherlands, he was given the all clear yesterday by United's physiotherapist, Laurie Brown. Manchester City also had their two England men, Doyle and

New horizon indcors at Earls

Cricket

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

The World Champlonship Tennis tournament, originally scheduled for Stockholm, has been trans-ferred to Earls Court, London, where 16 of the game's finest players will connect 253,200 (first prizes are £13,000 in singles and £4,700 in doubles) from March 29 to April 3.

to April 3.

Unless injury or illness intervenes, the competitors will include Manuel Orantes and Wojtck Fibak, who contested the fibal of the Masters tournament; Adriano Panatm, the champion of France and Italy; and four former winners of "grand slam" championships—Jan Kodes, Rod Laver, the Nastage and Tony Roche—as the Nastase and Tony Roche—as well as the British No 1, Mark

This promotion will be particularly interesting on three counts. It will be the first WCT tourns ment played in Britain for three years. As the ninth of 12 quadrying events for the WCT singles and events for the WCT stugles and doubles play-off tournaments, it will occur at a time when the WCT circuit is becoming hothy competitive, with players struggling for places in the showpiece events to be held in May at Konsas City (eight doubles pairs) and Dallas (eight singles players). Finally, it will be the first tennis promotion at Earls Court, which can provide scating for 10,600.

Tennis promotion is, these days,

can provide scating for 10,180.

Tennis promotion is, these days, a refined version of jungle warfare. This scheduling adjustment by WCT has arisen for two reasons. Firstly, Stockholm was dropped largely because Bjorn Borg, of Sweden, and last year's WCT wigner, has changed his mind about competing on the circuit.

year, are likely to be without their midfield player Curbishiey for the game against Stoke City at Upton Park. Curbishiey has recovered from the groin strain that kept him out of the last two matches but now has influenza. Gow, who has made only two appearances as substitute since a Circuit.
WCT have filed a 5335,000 suit against Borg, the International Management Group (his agents). Bancroft's (with whom Borg has an endorsement contract), and Colgate's (who own Bancroft's and sponsor the grand prix). The legal action and its origins can thus be seen as part of the rivalry between WCT and the grand prix for the services of the players during the first quarter of the year.

year.
Secondly, Earls Court, stimulated by the challenge of Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre as a site for commercial exhibition as a site for commercial exhibi-tions, is pursuing an increasingly imaginative and diversified 12-month programme in which sport is likely to play an important role. Whatever the causes, the thoroughly professional marriage between WCT and Earls Court and Olympia Limited is an exciting Olympia Limited is an exciting innovation. Cox said yesterday: "The big thing is that we are opening up a new venue, a new horizon for indoor tenuis in this country." Since the last WCT event in Britzin, their European Barcelona, Bologna, Rome, Monte Carlo, Stockholm, Rotterdam and Munich.

Essentially, the response of the public will decide whether WCT and Earls Court are entering a new era or merely punctuaring their history with what is known in the trade as a "one shot deal".

Operation for Ashe

that not even a 10-year contract and the freedom of the city would lure him to Newcastle.

Alan Hardaker, the secretary of the Football League, and Cliff Watson, under treatment but both should be fit to play against Lloyd, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, yesterday offered to act as arbiwest ham umued, suit seeking Boulevard, Hull); Saliotd & Hudders to be mouths.



Fletcher: run of dismal scores is no bar to selection.

Selectors stand by Fletcher at expense of younger man

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Bombay, Feb 10

As they did in Bengalore, for the fourth Test match, the England selectors have stood for Fletcher in choosing the team for the fifth and final Test starting bere tomorrow. The side is therefore the same as the one that lost in Bangalore except for the last.

fore the same as the one that lost in Bangalore, except for the hatting order. Randail will go in at number three, Fletcher at four, Greig at five, Knott at six, and Tolchard at seven.

So another chance is forfeited of bringing in a younger player, in spite of Fletcher's tan of dismal scores. Miller might have played had he been fit, but he is not. He has a pinched nerve in his back. Greig did say today that he sees Miller as a batsman of the future, good enough to go in at number three or four for England, with his bowling as a second string. Miller himself may take that with a pinch of salt, after being overlooked for much of the tour.

tour.

It is disappointing about Woolmer. I would have played him or Barlow tomorrow, simply because to do so would have been more to do so would have been more progressive than to persevere with Fletcher. Yet Woolmer's figures for the tour are poor. In 14 innings he has only twice passed 50. Time and again he gets out through being casual. He tries to play, I think, like Cowdrey without, of course being anything like as good. Since starting the tour as good. Since starting the tour with a hundred in each of the first two matches, Barlow has also found runs difficult to get.

The case for including Woolmer The case for including Woolmer was strengthened by the fact that he is more likely to be wanted in Melbourne than Fletcher, because of Fletcher's aversion to fast bowling. Woolmer did score 149 against Australia at the Oval in

are going all out to do well here in Bombay, and Greig wanted Fletcher, and Fletcher himself, in an outside spite of having scored only 59 runs in his last eight inoings, feels For Fas uns in his last eight inologs, feels
n form.
He also scored 113 in the strong an incentive to to lose, as if the s

He also scored 113 in the corresponding Test match four years ago, though that was before Tromson and Lillee undermined his game. While wishing Fletcher well, to keep on with him now, ahead of a younger man, does seem shortsighted, especially on a pitch that looks to be the best of the series.

The whole ground, in fact, does its curator the greatest credit.

The whole ground, in fact, does its curator the greatest credit. Feers that the pitch might be shorn bare have been unwarranted. There was enough grass on it this morning to hold it together for two or three days before the ball starts to turn. Though unlikely ever to be fast it should be full of runs, at any rate to start with. Whichever captain is able to signal to his team that he has won the toss will have made a great start. The England batting order has the three most experienced players the three most experienced players
—Fletcher, Greig and Knott—
together in what the rowing men
call the engine room. It will be
Randall's first time at number three after Test scores of 37, two, 0, 10 and 0. I would have preferred Greig to Fletcher at number four—unlike Ken Barrington, for one, who advocated number five

for Greig on the ground that he has too much else on his plate to go in higher. As soon as Greig vacated number six Knott said be would like it, which meant number seven for Tolchard. In the end it was probably between Tolchard and said of C. M. Old. I. K. J. ably between Tolchard and Wool-mer for the last batting place rather than between Fletcher and Woolmer; that would be in keepling. Woolmer did score 149 ing with the way English selectors, 17 players for MCC's against Australia at the Oval in whether at home or on tour, are tour which starts he 1975. On the other hand, England inclined to think. With Old suf-

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the reason for that. J was dying a natural (appeared in the Indian uotes from lilingworth saying how many ruse for polishing the ball, chapter and verse. Now, today, comes ution to the *India* For Indians, English In the fourth Test ma galore I sensed that the field were more straine had been before.

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Rugby Union

A fair wind blows for St Mary's

St Mary's will play St Bar-thosomew's, the holders, in the final of the Hospitals Cup rugby competition on March 9. They best the London, last year's runners-up, by faree penalty goals and a try to a penalty goal at Richmond yesterday and, apart from the first quarter, never looked like losing.

looked like losing.

The London forwards started and finished impressively. In between, St Mary's took charge, and in the second half, when they had the wind behind them, Ralston, the Rosslyn Park stand-off half, was able to control the game tactically with his lengthy touch finding. Condon, the London Irish stand-off half, injured his neck last weekend, and could not play for the London. They missed him, though whether he could have turned defeat into victory is one of those imponderables dear to the hearts of bar-room theorists. The referee awarded a total of 31 penalties. Most of them were

31 penalties. Most or mem wereagainst the London, which meant,
all too often that for every yard
they gained they were forced to
concede 10. In the first half Greenbalgh kicked three for St Mary's
and Lockyer one for the London.
The score stood at 3—3 for 20
minutes, but St Mary's were un-Obtrusively playing bener every minute, while the London, if an-thing, were not.

Meredith scored St Mary's try soon after half-time. Lockyer, who had a good match otherwise, feeling of tolerable security. The missed touch from his own line London galvanized themselves and Meredith gathered and leicked back into the London 25. The ball.

The Irish rugby fifteen to meet Scotland ar Murrayfield on Saturday week has six changes—one positional—from the team which lost to England last Saturday.

In the pack, Feighery is dropped at right-head prop and replaced by one of the two new caps in the team. Byrne of Blackrock, a former All-Ireland sensor

rock, a former All-Ireland senior burling medallist. Byrne, who is

hurling medallist. Byrne, who is 26, achieves an original double in the Gaelic Games and rugby. He is a cousin of Dugzan the No 8. In the second row Charles Murtagh takes over from Ronald Hakin and also wins his first cap. He will be the first man from the Portadown club to play for Ireland. Stattery, the former Lions flanker, is recalled at the expense of McKinney, who also toured South Africa in 1974. Slattery had been out of favour slice Ireland's

been out of favour since Ireland's game against Australia last season. Glbson, who has been playing stand-off half this season,

Two new caps and recall

of Slattery in Irish rejig



Meredith (check shirt) saves St Mary's face with a try.

sailed low over Lockyer's head and Meredith, following up, reached it first. Had Lockyer not been caught on the turn, he might have pre-vented the try. As it was, a lead

reverts to centre three-quarter, the position he has filled for most of his long international career.

or his long international career. This means the exclusion of McHrath, Quinn, last capped in 1974, is recalled at stand-off and Robbie replaces McGrath as his partner at scrum-half.

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The Irish team is: F. Wilson, (Clyms); T. Grace (St Mary's captain), A. R. McKibbin (Instominas), C. M. H. Gibson (NIEC), J. Bowen (Cork Constitution); M. A. Qalan (Lansdowne), J. C. Robbie (Dublin University); P. A. Orr (Wesley), P. C. Whelan (Garryowen), E. Byrne (Blackrock), M. I. Keane (Lansdowne), C. W. Murtagh (Portadown), S. M. Deering (Garryowen), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock), J. P. Slattery (Blackrock), Replacements: A. H. Ensor (Wanderers), R. J. M. McGrath (Wanderers), P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin), H. W. Steele (Ballymena), J. L. Cantrell (UCD), R. Finn (UCD).

tapped penalties. But they were too late. The bird had flown. too late. The bird had flown.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL: M. Meredith;
I. Caldwell. C. Williams. M. Greenhaldin. M. Lacey: C. Rainton. M.
Enevoidson. P. Jackson. J. Mountjoy,
J. Bickey, I. Lloyd. M. Ells.
LONDON HOSPITAL: M. Lockyet;
A. Williams. B. Whitmall, R. Holman.
R. Linden-Kelly: S. Musgrove. M.
Williams: S. Young. D. Cussen. A.
Murbay. R. Hoare, R. Karr. A. Taylor.
G. de Beller, J. O. Brion.
Referee: C. Bosking (London).

Hill escapes suspension for sending off

Roland Hill, the Blackheath lock who was sent off against Bristol 12 days ago, has been warned by the Kent disciplinary committee, but he escaped suspen-

sion.

Hill was ordered off with Barry Cole the Bristol forward. This was Hill's only sending off in 12 years of senior rugby. Ian Williamson, his club captain, told the disciplinary committee that Hill was separating two players who were involved in a fight.

Christopher Howcroft, of London Weish, who was sent off at Leicester on the same day as Hill, and Alex Keay, of Saracens, dismissed in a match at Bath two weeks earlier, are not due to have their cases beard by Middleser until March 21.

Two bunches of fives in

Ali's list of challengers

Seoul, Feb 10.—The sponsors of Muhammad Ali's proposed world heavyweight title defence here in May today announced a list of possible opponents, which increased the number of potential challengage to 10. challengers to 10.

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challengers to 10.

Kim Chung-Ki, the project manager of the Hankook Ilbo group which is due to stage the bout jointly with the local promoter, Paul Corvino, and Don King, of the United States, mentioned five possible challengers—all different from the five announced in New York yesterday by a spokesman for King.

Kim said that possible challengers—

Kim said that possible chal-lengers mentioned in negotiations for the contest were the Ameri-cans, Jimmy Young Duane Bobick and Ernie. Shavers, Alfredo Evangelista, of Spain, and Joe Bugner, of Britain.

Bugner, of Britain.

King's spokesman yesterday named Larry Holmes, Johany Boudreaux and Stan Ward, of the United States, the South African,

New date for Norton

Archery

on target

Italian stays

despite wind

Luann Ryon, of the United States, the Olympic gold medal winner, took the lead in the women's event,

Mike Schutte and Lucien Rodriguez, the French champion. Kim said that Ali had personally picked the South Korean capital as the place of his next title defence because be was so pleased with his reception when he visited Seoul last June.

Ali, aged 35, will receive a purse of \$2.5m and his opponent \$250,000, according to the statement made in New York.

Ali and his manager, Herbert Mahammad, were unavailable there for comment.

Ali's title defence is seen as a

All's title defence is seen as a warm-up for an eventual show-down with the top-ranked contender, George Foreman.—Reuter. Johannesburg: The heavyweight bout here between Schutte and Wepner, was today put back a week until February 19. The promoter, Maurice Toweel, said the change was because of circumstances beyond his control. Chutte's manager, Alan Toweel, said today that he had not been notified of the proposal.—Reuter.

World title defence

New York, Feb 10.—A 12-round heavyweight bout between the ranking contenders, Ken Norton and Duane Bobick, has been rescheduled for May 11, Madison Square Garden announced today.

Mexico City, Feb 10.—The World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion, José Cuevas, of Mexico, will defend his tile here against Miguel Campanino, of Argentina, on March 5 or 12.—Reuter.

Rugby League

Murphy set to prove touch has not deserted him

Canberra, Feb 10.—Leandro Denardi, aged 28, of Italy, retained his overnight lead in the men's event of the world archery championships here after the completion of the first full round today. A blustery wind, which freshened in the afternoon, made conditions difficult. One of the applicants for the job of Great Britain coach this summer, Alex Murphy, is set to prove that his major touch has not deserted him when he leads Warrington into the first round of the Britain Challenge Challenge the Rugby League Challenge Cup this weekend. Murphy has an unparalleled record of achievement with Leigh and Warrington but has not won a big trophy for two difficult.

Shooting from 50 and 30 metres, Denardi scored, a total of 652 points to bring his aggregate to 1,246. This gave him a lead of 15 points over Richard McKinney, of the United States, with another American, Rodney Baston, third with 1,227 points. Darrell Pace, the American gold medal winner at the Montreal Olympics, finished in joint minth place Luzann Ryon, of the United

Now, having remodelled War-rington after a period of transition, he faces one of the toughest tasks of the first round against St Helens, the club with whom he went to Wembley as a player. Warrington should make the most of ground advantage after a disastrous start to the second that ground the second the second that ground the second the second that ground the second that ground the second the secon trous start to the season that saw them struggling among the rele-gation placings.

St Helens must be regarded as the team in form as they stand top of the first division. Led by Bill Benyon and with Leslie Jones and Roy Mathlas, they will cause problems for Warrington.

Featherstone Rovers and Castlereamersione kovers and Castle-ford dominate the betting market of the Challenge Trophy. Castle-ford are marginal favourites and should easily dispose of New Huns-let. Featherstone have a more difficult task with a trip to White haven but should still pull through The heroes of the Player's No 6 Trophy, Blackpool, have the chance to score their fourth win against first division opposition when they entertain Bradford.

The amateur clubs, Beecroft and Wightman, of Hull; and Pilkington's, of St Helens, both have their moments of glory. A non-league side has not made progress in the competition for 70 years but the minnows can evil deepen and Hull. minnows can still dream and Hull face the best chance of making history when they entertain out of form Swinton. Pikington's seem to have no chance against their powerful neighbours, Wigan.

Television contract worth £650,000

A new BBC contract for the live televising of Rugby League is worth about 1650,000 over three years, starting next season. The present contract over the same period was worth £470,000. The contract has been approved unanimously by the Rugby League Council but clubs are being asked for their views on certain details.

Castries, St Lucia, Feb 10 .--Pakistan collapsed against the fast bowling of Colin Croft and Joel Garner for the second time in the match and were beaten by an innings and 64 runs by the West Indies President's XI on the final day of their three-day match here

Pakistan go down tamely

and hostility throughout, took six for 66 and his match figures were 10 for 109. Pakistan never re-covered from an overnight score of 41 for three and they were all out for 113 in their second innines. innings.

Croft enhanced his claim for inclusion in the West Indies team for the first Test which starts in Bridgetown, Barbados, on February 18 and Garner, the 6ft 7in Earbadian, also bowled well to finish with four for 40 in the innings and seven for 86 in the march. With Daniel definitely out through a back injury and Holding nucertain because of a damaged shoulder, at least one of them should get his first Test cap.

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Pakistan's performance was extremely disappointing after their victory over Australia in the final Test in Sydney. None of their batsmen played with any confidence in either innings against the combined pace of Croft and Garner. They were in trouble as soon as play started today, pursuing a first innings deficit of 177. Croft and Garner ensured there was no recovery.

Both overnight batsmen, Wasim

Both overnight batsmen, Wasim Raja and Haroon Rashid, were dropped early on but neither used

to President's XI the opportunity for a big score. Raja played a ball from Croft into his middle stump after scoring 30. Rashid was Pakistan's top scorer for the second time in the match and he made 41 today before pulling Garner straight to square leg.

After that, only some aggressive batting by Sarfraz Nawiz (22), who hit Croft for a six and three fours in one over, offered any resistance. Pakistan fly to Barbados tomorrow for a four-day match against the island team, the last first-class game before the

The President's XI owed their strong position mainly to Kallicharran, who came in on Tuesday night when the side were two wickets down for only nine runs. Together with Baichan he put on 151 runs for the third wicket and was then joined by Shillingford in a fifth-wicket stand of 132 before being bowled by Wasim for 134.

His presence in the President's XI was aimed at assuring West Indies selectors that he had fully recovered from a shoulder opera-tion and would be fit for the first Test, opening in Earbados on Feb-ruary 18.

Irish join Council The Irish Cricket Union have accepted an invitation to join the Cricket Council for an initial period of three years as a coopted member, but without a vote.

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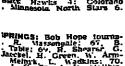
the Netherlands, and rill meet in a swimming mal, designed to provide o for this year's European championships, at on April 29 and 30. It sponsored by Champion 2 Pools, who have sup-he world championship 1 Olympic triels in the

Sarsfield, the ASA said yesterday that the championships, in in August, will provide mportage competition in of many of our young

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Eventful life of the octogenarian with the extra oct. / 3

Remarkable Mrs D in three D

Down in the tiny coastal village of Sandbanks, near Poole, in Dorset, where they drink Badger beer and life moves at the pace of a battered old tractor bumbling along the twisty lanes, Mrs Louie Dingwall trains a ream of racehorses and runs a petrol pump business on the side. Nothing remarkable about that, you may say, especially in these days of emancipation, equality and all that. Nothing, except for the fact that "Mrs D", as she is affection ately known, happens recently to have celebrated something approaching her 90th birthday (she coyly reserves the female prerogative of keeping the exact figure a secret, but informed sources put her well into the late 80s).

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One meeting with Mrs D, the octogenarian with the extra octanes, and you feel ashamed at ever having pulled the covers over your head and sneaked that extra five minutes in bed in the morning. She is up at 6.30 in the winter, come rain, snow or sandstorm, to supervise the feeding and training of the horses—in the summer at 4.30. She laughs off the inevitable question about her amazing vitality by simply ascribing it to good food and total abstinence from smoking; "titat abstinence from smoking; " that terrible habit."

Get her talking about the past and you can almost hear the Irish blood coursing through her veins as she beguiles you with a stream of tales that you feel will never dry up. Like the time during the Second World War (she drove an ambulance in the first and was a ambulance in the first and was a ambulance in the first and was a warden in the second) when a German bomb fell on the house of a doctor living in the village. Mrs D raced cut, found the bomb and, with the help of her busband, hauled it into the sea. One small detail is worthy of note—the bomb was still ticking. It exploded minutes later. The doctor's prescription for incurable bravery was presenting her with the piece of land on which her stables now stand. warden in the second) when a

the second war, Mrs D started a bus service from Sandbanks. There was, however, an annoying There was, however, an annoying little problem to overcome, namely the rival Hants and Dorset Bus Co. The H and D men touted for business by shouting: "This way for the green buses". Mrs D therefore did the only thing any self-respecting entrepreneuse self-respecting entrepreneuse would do—she painted all her buses green, as well.

Ask her if she gambles and she will say not really, only the odd fiver now and then. But then she chuckles heartily and says: "But I did win a fleet of buses once!"

She ran a horse called Pink Stripes at the now defunct Birmingham racecourse. The day before the race she arranged a meeting with the local bus company to ask if they bad any secondhand buses to sell. They told her no, as the buses had to be sent back and



Mrs D: trainer of racehorses, disposer of bombs, saviour of Lawrence of Arabia, chauffeur of Marconi, etc., etc.

part-exchanged for new ones. Seeing that the men of the bus company were more than a little inebriated, Mrs D told them that her horse would win the next day and suggested that if it did they should reward her with the buses. They agreed, Pink Stripes scooted home at 100-5 and Mrs D was half a dozen buses better off. a dozen buses better off.

There are also tales of smuggling wine, driving Lawrence of Arabia home after his motor-bike had not bogged down in the sand-dudes of Sandbanks, and of chauffeuring Marconi, who lived near by during his wireless experimenting days. menting days.

Reluctantly Mrs D calls a halt to the stories and announces that it is time for the afternoon feeding and mucking out. She does much of this herself, aided by her much of this herself, aided by her secretary-cum-head girl, her young apprentice jockey, Graham Williams and a stable lad.

She leads you briskly but watchfully down to the yard, across the road from her bungalow, like a mother hen guarding one of her chicks—"Stick close to me and you won't get killed"—and then pulls you into an empty horse box. "You'd better stay in here while Bango comes out to exercise, he's a bit mad

of Pav Aureole, who has the habit of kicking his stable door when he is hungry. when he is hungry.

Pav Aureole steps into the yard like a lamb and then is led into the hnge sandpit at the back of the yard where he frolics around like a puppy. Mrs D's horses gallop on the beach and swim in the sea. She believes that the environment completely revitalizes a jaded horse. When a particular animal is being brought to his peak for a race he is ferried across the bay to a longer sand gallop. Mrs D also has the use of Bill Marshall's gallops at Whitsbury.

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Until recently, when, sadly, her eyesight began to deteriorate, Mrs. D. a qualified engineer, drove her own horses to race meetings all over the country, not to mention Scotland and Cagnessur-Mer in the South of France. It was at Cagnes in 1969 that Mrs. D achieved one of the many feats of her lifetime. She saddled a horse called Treason Trial to win two races worth £10,000 in two days. One of these was the impor-unt Grand Prix du Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes, which no other British trainer has won, before or since.

Mrs D points ont with justifiable pride a photograph of Treason Trial being led in after that victory. There is, you see, more to that victory than just the winning. Treason Trial was originally trained by a top Newmarket trainer and ridden by one of the leading jockeys, but he became notorious for refusing to start in his races. Mrs D—as always rising to a challenge—acquired him and set about teaching him to be a good boy.

A little Dingwall psychology worked wonders. Treason Trial was taken down regularly to the beach with the other borses, but instead of being asked to go with them when they stretched out on their gallops, he was held firmly

determination that has enabled her to win 76 races with horses costing no more than £500 each. It has never been easy and, as a time when even the top trainers grumble about hardly making ends meet, Mrs D has to struggle to survive. Many would give up, but Mrs D is so obviously in love

trainer was Mrs Florence Nagle. who took the matter of women's licences to court. Until things were legalized Mrs D's licence was held by a male nominee.

Newbury, her favourite race-course, or Doncaster would be a better place for the premier classic, she thinks. May her ambitions all come

Sebastian the pick of a winning field

By Jim Snow
Two more abandoned meetings

Two more abandoned meetings be asked to gallop on it, let alone be sterday at Haydock Park and Huntingdon brought the total of lost programmes this season to 90. Newbury was called off yesterday morning because of waterlogging (Saturday's Schweppes card should be run if it keeps dry) but there remains a possibility, one can say no more than that, of the survival of Kelso this afternoon. Yesterday is so deep that no racehorse can be asked to gallop on it, let alone tockle 20 fences in a three-mile tackle 20 fences in a thre

In the £4,000 Brooke Bond National Handicap Steeplechase over four miles and one furlong at Warwick on January 22, he gave a fine exhibition of clean, accurate jumping to lead from the first fence to the last. He was overtaken on the flat by Cornish Princess, but rallied bravely to be beaten in a photograph.

Sea Count and Cantastar meet

man that, of the survival of Kelso this afternoon. Yesterday at 4 pm the stewards there decided that there were sufficient grounds for hope to make an inspection at 7.30 am today.

It has been a sombre and frustrating start to 1977 for National Hunt racing, and unlike the two disastrous seasons of the lad had a previous run, but and frost brought jumping to something near a complete standard heavy rain follows, the going the season. When there is frost in the ground followed by snow, and heavy rain follows, the going the season was a start of the weather, Sir Desmond Plummer's Betting Levy Board is for the second time in a fortnight in the Rutherford Handicap Steeplechase. At Ayr Cantastar gave 6 lb and a half-length beating to Sea Count, but he is now 6 lb worse handicapped and Gordon Richards' horse can turn the tables. Gay Spartan, the impressive winner of a three-mile novice steeplechase at Catterick Bridge, is likely to give the Nook, and Half a Sixpence. These three have been running consistently well and all are winners, and heavy rain follows, the going

Brown Lad hit

9-3 Miss Normands, 7-2 Wes Soversion, 4-1 Old Head, 11-2 Jugiling John 8-1 Tid. 10-1 Three-One-Three, Solo Sam, 14-1 Grey Presio, 16-1 others. 3.15 TEVIOT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £769: 24m)

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20-1 Salmon Retz, T. Hudson, 11-11-1 Mr L. Hudson 7

1-3 Gay Spartan, 4-1 Le Broc, 13-2 Murai Crown, 10-1 Cheal Boaiman, 14-1 Indhope, 29-1 others.

4.15 MAXTON HURDLE (Div II: Part II: Novices: £306: 2m)

12.45 Bishops Pander. 1.15 Alec Lewis, 1.45 Hot Toddy. 2.15 Sea Count. 2.45 Miss Normandy. 3.15 SEBASTIAN V is specially recommended. 3.45 Gay Spartan. 4.15 Great Echo.

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Olympic Games

Plans for \$35m construction given go-ahead

Washington, Feb 10.—Govern-ment plans to spend 535m (about ment plans to spend 535m (about 155m) on construction for the 1550 Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, New York, have been cleared by a Schale appropriations sub-committee chairman who previously questioned them. Senator Ernest Hollings said today that he had notified the Commerce and Justice Departments that his subthe project. commerce department conts to divert \$30.1m (about (17m) in economic development

funds to build permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid in time for the Olympics. The Justice Department wants to spend 54,7m (about 22.8m) in bureau of spicors funds.

Motor racing

Kelso selections By Our Racing Staff

Japanese Grand Prix may be run in October

Tokyo, Feb 10.—Kazuo Suzuki, an official of the Japanese Automobile Federation who returned from Europe today, said that he hoped the Japanese Grand Prix would be held after all. It was announced here last week that the race, scheduled for April 17, had been cancelled

Mr Suzuki who had take in Mr Suzuki, who had talks in Europe with officials of the International Automobile Federation and the Formula One Constructor's Association, said there was still hope that the race could be run. run.

He added that the FIA and FICA has asked for a decision by the middle of March and had suggested October 23 as a new date if it was found that the

Yachting

Lester holds lead to win championship

Ankland, Feb 10.—Peter Lester, of New Zealand, salled to victory in a 66-boat entry at the World OK dinghy championships which ended here today. Lester finished eighth in the sixth race, held in the morning, and took fourth place in the seventh and last race this afternoon to complete the series with 30.1 points.

Barry Thom, also of New Zealand, took second place in the overall standings on 33.0 points, Sukh Race: 1, B. Thom: 2, p. Gala (Australia); 5, G. Lock: 4, R. Kampons: 5, D. Barnes; 6, J. Leydon; Seventh Race: 1, A. Basen (1) Germany: 2, B. Thom: 3, M. Nisson (1) Germany: 4, P. Lenler; 6, D. Stilsborn (Sweden):

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them when they stretched out on their gallops, he was held firmly back. It was all remarkably simple. After a while Treason Trial became so angry at being left behind that he was soon raring to go. He eventually went to New Zealand as a stallion.

where he died recently. Mrs D has his only son in Eritain, the three-year-old Can't Reason, for

she has high hopes as a whom he has man hope as a hurdler.

The making of Treason Trial was just one example of Mrs D's own brand of determination—the

with the life and with life itself that she carries on with an astounding cheerfulness. She bas always been a battler, though. Some 10 years ago, she became only the second woman to be granted a licence to train on the flat and the first over jumps. The first woman flat trainer, was Mrs Florence Nagle.

was held by a male nominee.

What of her ambitions?

Naturally she would like to train a Derby winner, but, surprisingly perhaps as she prefers National Hunt racing, not a Grand National winner. "That's a cruel race", she says. "It's too much to ask of a horse." Of the Derby, however, she says that Epsom is a bad course on which to judge a horse's merits because of the twists and turns and gradients. Newbury, her favourite race.

May her ambitions all come true—as if she had not achieved miracles already by the standards of ordinary mortals. As that famous countryman of hers might say: "Mrs Loule Diogwall—this is your amazing life."

John Karter

by more leg trouble

Dreaper said: "He has gone slightly lame in a hind leg. I'm hoping that he will recover in time to run in the Harold Clarke Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday week." Brown Lad developed foreleg trouble after winning the Fairyhouse Grand National last Easter.

Dreaper added: "That has now gone and we are trying to find out what exactly has caused the hind leg trouble. The horse must show me he is 100 per cent fit before I decide to send him to Cheltenham." OOO Cavradine, T. Craig, 5-10-13 ... J. Mooney 5
OOO Grey Presto, D. Jerny, 5-10-15 ... C. Tinkler
OO Jingling Johnny, K. Oliver, 5-10-15 ... C. Tinkler
300 Miss Normandy, T. Barnes, 5-10-15 ... M. Barnes
Moving Spirit, R. Cross, 5-10-15 ... S. Charlton 5
O Polars Buzz, R. Goldie, 5-10-15 ... S. Charlton 5
Rajens Hill, R. Allan, 5-10-15 ... A. Harrison 7
Solo Saily Fare, B. Wilkinson, 5-10-15 ... A. Harrison 7
Solo Sam, R. Errevis, 5-10-15 ... P. Mangan
O Takachiho, T. Craig, 6-10-15 ... M. Ennis 7
SS Normandy, 7-2 Wee Sovervien, 4-1 Old Head, 11-2 Jinding Labora

over four miles and one furlong at Warwick on January 22. he gave a fine exhibition of clean, accurate jumping to lead from the first fence to the last. He was overtaken on the flat by Cornish Princess, but rallied bravely to be beaten in a photograph.

Sea Count and Cantastar meet for the second time in a formight in the Putherford Hendies Season.

3.15 TEVIOT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £769: 24m) Whater Rain, A. Dickinson, 9-11-7 M. Dickinson 110-10 Siay-Bell, Mrs S. Cheimore, 8-11-3 L. Lungo 5 0-14432 Selestian V (C-D), C. Bell, 9-11-1 Malor H. Ballie 5 24410-0 Lingus (C-O), K. Oliver, 12-10-12 Malor H. Ballie 5 11-0233 Fly Bye, W. A. Siephrason, 10-10-10 D. Turabull 7 6 11-0233 Fly Bye, W. A. Siephrason, 10-10-10 T. Stack 8 0-12221 Rookery Nook, N. Crump, 10-10-5 A. Bowker 5 11 444292 Sourta, B. Wilkinson, 9-10-0 A. Bowker 5 12 000-002 Cuiscard, Mrs S. Chesmore, 9-10-0 N. Tinkier 14 00100 Northern Echo (C-D), Ld Kilmany, 8-10-0 C. Tinkier 15 22-fp3p Spearaide, D. Jermy, 6-10-0 J. Mooney 5 18 22-fp3p Spearaide, D. Jermy, 6-10-0 N. Tinkier 3-1 Sabsilian V, 4-1 Rookery Nook, 11-2 Winker Rain, 7-1 Haif a Strpence, 8-1 Fine Fellow, 10-1 Lingus, Fly Bye, 12-1 Soulra, 14-1 Guiscard, 16-1 Spearside, 20-1 others. Chancery Division

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Queen's Bench Division

No right of privacy in airspace

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Before Mr Justice Griffiths

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His Lordship dismissed a claim
by Lord Bernstein for damages
against Skyviews and General
Lid, which had taken an aerial
photograph of Lord Bernstein's
country home, Coppings Farm,
Kent. Lord Bernstein alleged that
the company had trespassed in the
airspace above his property and
had invaded his right to privacy.

Mr Charles Gray for Lord Bernstein; Mr L. D. Lawton, QC, and
Mr Gerald Lumley for Skyviews.

MR JUSTICE GRIFFITHS end MR JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said MR JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that Skyviews' business was to take aerial photographs of property and offer them for sale to the owners. When they offered the photograph to Lord Bernstein he took strong exception to their behaviour. He wrote to complain that to take a photograph of his house without permission was a gross invasion of his privacy, and demanded that the prints and negative should be handed over or destroyed. Unfortunately his or destroyed. Unfortunately letter was not seen by the Sky-views managing director, Mr Arthur Ashley, who said that if he had seen it he would have undertaken to destroy the negative and not take another

graph of Lord Bernstein's perty. In fact, Lord Bernstein's letter was answered by an 18-year-old secretary, who offered to sell the negative for £15. It was a very in-

appropriate letter. There were further letters, and Lord Bernsteln started proceedings. It was alleged that Skyviews wrongfolly entered the air space above Lord Bernstein's premises above Lord Bernstein's premises in order to take an aerial photograph of his house, and were thus guilty of trespass and an actionable invasion of his right to privacy. Skyviews admitted that they took the photograph but denied that they entered the air trace above the promises to do an space above the premises to do so; they said, inter alia, that the photograph was taken when the aircraft was flying over adjoining land not owned by Lord

Bernstein. The substantive issue of was whether or not Skyviews flew over Lord Bernstein's land to take over Lord Bernstein's land to take the photograph. Coppins Farm stood in an estate of 150 acres. The pilot lumself took the photo-graph, and there was a fierce dis-pute about the position and height of the aircraft when the photo-graph was taken. The dispute graph was taken. The dispute might best have been resolved by asking the pilot, but Skyviews had not called him as a wimess, his log book had not been put in evidence, and no statement by him been tendered. een tendered.

Skyriews pilots were instructed to take photographs of buildings the owners of which might prove likely customers. The height at which the pilot should be faving in open country would be about 600ft to 700ft. Negatives and prints were kent in serues conditions were kept in secure conditions at Skyviews premises to prevent any manthorized or criminally-minded unauthorized or criminally-minded person having access to them.

In an attempt to find the position of the aircraft at the time the photograph was taken, Lord Bernstein asked an experienced aerial photographer, provided with a helicopter and a camera identical to that used by Skyviews, to try to take a photograph from the same position as the Skyviews one was taken. The resulting photograph was taken, according to the

was taken. The resulting photograph was taken, according to the photographer and the phot, at an altitude of 1,000ft and when they were 30ft within a boundary of the farm, marked by a road. Skyviews photograph, he said, was taken at a higher altitude.

Skyviews turned to an expert in the interpretation of aerial photographs. He calculated that in the interpretation of aerial photographs. He calculated that the camera was at a height of 628ft to 633ft and 30 metres outside file farm boundary.

If driven to it his Lordship would prefer to rely on the evidence of Lord Bernstein's witnesses, and on that he would be prepared to hold that Skyviews' aircraft was in the air space over Lord Bernstein's land when the photograph was taken. But that issue did not necessarily turn on precisely where the aircraft was at the moment the photograph was taken. It would be sufficient to found Lord Bernstein's argument if at some time in the process of obtaining the photograph Skyviews' aircraft flew over his land. On any view of the evidence the aircraft was flying very close to the border at the time the camera was operated, and would have been banking slightly towards the house. Once one found that the photograph had been taken virtually on the boundary, the probabilities were that at some

time in photographing the house the aircraft flew over Lord Bernstein's land. Therefore his Lordstip found that Skyviews flew over Lord Bernstein's land for the purpose of photographing his house, and without his permission. Lord Bernstein claimed that as owner of the land he was also owner of the airspace above it, or at least had the right to exclude any entry into the airspace. Herelied upon the old Latin maxim Cujus est solume jus est usque ad cocium; et ad injersos [Whose is the land his is also that which is above and below it] a colourful phrase often upon the lips of lawyers since it was first coined in Bologna in the thirteenth century. The maxim had been used by English judges, in a number of cases, but they had all been concerned with structures attached to the adjoining land, such as overhancing buildings, sieps or concerned with structures attached to the adjoining land, such as overhanging buildings, signs or telegraph whres. For their solution the judge had no need to cast his eyes towards the heavens; he had been concerned with the rights of the owner in the airspace immediately adjacent to the surface of his land.

his land.

Ther an owner had certain rights in the airspace above his land was well established by authority. In Wandsworth Board of Works v United Telephone Co authority. In Wandsworth Board of Works v United Telephone Co ((1884) 13 OBD, 904) the Court of Appeal did not doubt that the owner of land had the right to cut a wire placed over his land. In Giffort v Dent ((1926) 71 Sol Jo 83) Mr Justice Romer hald that it was a trespass to erect a sign that projected 4ft 8in over the plaintiff's forecourt and ordered it to be removed. That was followed by Mr Justice McNair in Kelsen v imperial Tobacco Co ([1957] 2 OB 334) in which he granted a mandatory injunction ordering the defendants to remove a sign which projected only 8ft over the plaintiff's property. Lord Bernstein relied

only 8ft over the plaintiff's property. Lord Bernstein relied strongly on that case.

His Lordsbip doubted if Mr Justice McNair intended to hold that the plaintiff's rights in the airstrace continued to an unlimited height or ad coelum, as Mr Gray had submitted. The judge was considering whether the sign was a trespass or a pulsance at the very low level at which it projected. That was clearly indicated by his reference to Winfield on Tort (6ft ed. p 380) where the author limited the trespass to the height at which it was cortemplated that an owner might be expected to make use of the airpace as a natural incident of the pace as a natural incident of the user of his land. His Lordship did not doubt the correctness of the decision upon its own particu-lar facts, but wholly different considerations arose when con-sidering the passage of aircraft at a height which in no way affected the user of the land.

There was no direct authority on the mestion but Lord Ellen-

on the question, but Lord Ellen-borough in P: kering v Rudd ((1815) 4 Camp 216) said that it would not be a trespass to pass over a man's land in a balloon. Lord Wilberforce said of the maxim in Commissioner for Railways v Valuer-General ([1974] AC 328, 351): "There are a number of evancoles of its use in judgments of the pineteenth century. ... In none of these cases is there an authoritative pronouncement that 'land' means the whole of the space from the centre of the earth to the heavens: so sweeping, unscientific and unpractical a doctrine is unlikely to appeal to the common law mind."

Eis Lordship could find no support in authority for the view that

a landowner's rights in the air-space above his property extended to an unlimited height. In the Wanisworth case Lord Justice Bowen described the maxim as a fanciful phrase, to which his Lord-ship would add that if applied literally it was a fanciful notion leading to the absurdity of a tres-pass at common law being committed by a satellite every time it passed over a suburban garden. The academic writers spoke with on voice in rejecting the uncritical and literal application of the maxim, and his Lordship accepted their collective approach as cor-

The problem was to balance the rights of an owner to enjoy the use of his land against the rights of the general public to take advantage of all that science now offered in the use of airspace. That balance was best struck in our present society by cestricing our present society by restricting the rights of an owner in the airspace above his land to such height as was necessary for the ordinary use and enjoyment of his land and the structures upon it, and declaring that above that height he had no greater rights

that Skyviews' aircraft did not infinge any rights in Lord Bernstein's airspace, and thus no trespass was committed. It was, on any view of the evidence flying many hundreds of feet above the ground, and it was not suggested that by its mere presence in the airspace it caused any interference with any use to which Lord Bernstein put or might put his land. Lord Bernstein's complaint was not that the aircraft interfered with his use of his land but that a photograph was taken from it. There was, however, no law against taking a photograph, and the mere taking of a photograph could not turn into a trespass. that Skyviews' aircraft did DOL in

graph could not turn into a trespass an act which was not a trespass.

Mr Gray had said that Lord Berustein was particularly anxious that his house should not be photographed from the air lest the photograph should fall into criminal hands as it might prove a valuable aid to a terrorist. That anxiety was readily understandable and must attract sympathy, Counsel conceded that he was unable to cite any principle of law or authority that would entitle Lord Bernstein to prevent someone taking a photograph of his property for an innocent purpose, provided they did not commit some other tort such as trespass or nuisance in doing so. It was, therefore, interesting to reflect what a sterile remedy Lord Bernstein would obtain if he were able to esimblish that mere infringement of the airspace over his land was a trespass. He could prevent Skyviews flying over his land to take another photograph, but he could not prevent them taking the virtually identical photograph from the adjoining land provided they took care not to cross his boundary, and were taking it for an took care not to cross his boun-dary, and were taking it for an

dary, and were taking it for an innocent purpose.

The finding that no trespass at common law was established was sufficient to determine the case in Skyrlews' favour. However, a further defence had been raised under the Civil Aviation Act, 1949, section 40(1) of which provided:

"No action shall lie in respect of trespect of trespects of the section of the sectio of trespass or in respect of nuisance, by reason only of the flight of an aircraft over any property at a height above the ground, which, having regard to wind, weather and all the chromstances of the case is reasonable, or the ordinary incidents of such flight " so long as certain provisions were compiled with. Lord Bernstein submitted that

sions were complied with.

Lord Bernstein submitted that the protection given by the subsection was limited to a bare right of passage over land analogous to the limited right of a member of the public to pass over the surface of a highway. His Lordship saw nothing in the language of the sub-section to invite such a restricted reading, which would withdraw from its protection many very beneficial activities carried on from aircraft. For example, the court had been told that Granda Television, of which Lord Bernstein was the chairman, made a series of television films called The Land for educational purposes. Helicopters flew far, and wide over the country and photographed the land below. Of course, they had not obtained the permission of every occupier whose land mey had not obtained the perins-sion of every occupier whose land they photographed. It would have been an impossible task, but according to Lord Bernstein's con-struction that innocent activity would not be protected, even if the helicopters were flying at a reasonable height and complying reasonable neight and complying with all statutory requirements.

His Lordship read the sub-section as extending its protection to all flights provided they were at a reasonable height and com-

at a reasonable height and com-plied with the statutory requirements.

The judgment should not be understood as deciding that in no circumstances could a successful

circumstances could a successful action be brought against au aerial photographer to restrain his activities. If a plaintiff was subjected to the harassment of constant surveillance of his house from the air, accompanied by the photographing of his every activity, his Lordship was far from saying that the courts would not regard such a monstrous invasion of his privacy as an actionable nuisance for which they would give relief.

In his Lordship's view, even if

In his Lordship's view, even if there had been a trespass at com-mon law, Lord Bernstein was prevented from bringing any action because of section 40(1). Judgment would be given for

Skyviews.
Solicitors: Turner Peacock; J.

When right of set-off is limited

Business Computers Ltd v Anglo-African Leasing Ltd Before Mr Jastice Templeman [Judgment delivered February 8]

A debt which neither accrues due before notice of an assignment of assets to debenture bolders by the appointment of a set to the debenture bolders by the appointment of a set to the debenture bolders by the appointment of a set to the debenture bolders by the appointment of a set to the debenture bolders by the appointment of a set of the appointment. They sold the computer and claimed a sum exceeding £32,000 under a condition of a series to the debenture bolders, may not be set off even though it arises from a contract made before the assignment.

His Lordship so held in an action by Business Computers Ltd, an insolvent company, for £10,587 owed to them by Anglo-African the debt.

Miss M. H. Arden for the plaintiff company (BCL); Mr T. L. G. Cullen for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that BCL, who were computer manufacturers, had bank loans secured by debentures which created a floating charge over all their assets. They became insolvent with assets of film, of which the Crown, the rating authorities and other grown.

Appointed a receiver and on June 17 the defendants received notics of the appointment. On July 31 the defendants accepted flat to hit purchase agreement, and on August 8 the effendants a sum exceeding the purchase agreement, and on August 8 the effendants accepted flat by June contract of a single debta, and that a different principle applied to a floating charge. In his Lordship's option of the ssigmment of a single debta, and there was no valid distinction for the purchase agreement, and on August 8 the effendants accepted flat to missing check and the assignment of a single debta, and there was no valid distinction for the purchase assument of a single debta, and there was no valid distinction for the purchase assument of a single debta, and there was no valid distinction for the purchase assignment of a single debta, and the single debta, principle applied to a floating than the

Before Mr Jastice Templeman [Judgment Gelivered February 8]

A debt which neither accrues due before notice of an assignment of assets to debenture bolders by the appointment of a receiver, nor is connected with the contract giving rise to the debt assigned to the debenture-holders, may not be set off even though it arises from a contract made before the assignment.

His Lordship so held in an action by Business Computers Ltd, an insolvent company, for £10,587 owed to them by Anglo-African Leasing Ltd, which had a claim against them of over £30,000 and sought to set off the claim against the debt.

Miss M. H. Arden for the plaintiff company (BCL); Mr T. L. G. Cullen for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that BCL, who were computer manufacturers, had bank loans secured by debentures which created a floating charge over all their assets. They became insolvent with assets of £1m, of which the Crown, the rating authorities and other proferential creditors took £300,000. The debenture holders took the remaining £700,000 in part discharge of loans with interest. The trade creditors claiming about £3m would get nothing.

BCL, acting by the receiver, sought payment of the debt of £10,587 and interest. The defendants resisted payment on the ground that they could set off their claim to £32,000, which exceeded the debt. They also denied that in any event they were liable for interest on the debt. They also denied that in any event they were liable for interest on the debt. The defendants, who let them on hire purchase to other concerns. The defendants, who let them on hire purchase to other concerns. The defendants who transactions whereby BCL had sold computers to the defendants for 75 per cent of the capital cost (£42,886) and had taken it back on hire purchase to other own use, had sold it to the defendants for 75 per cent of the capital cost (£42,886) and had taken it back on hire purchase to other own use, had sold it to the defendants 36 monthly iustalments of £1,477.

Twelve instalments had been paid, but not tha

Unused showroom must pay rates London Electricity Board v

The exemption from rates of

so the defendants were not Hable in contract. It did not lie in the mouth of BCL to complain that they had been kept out of £10,537 while they admitted to having kept the defendants out of £30,000.

Only after three days of argument and the consideration of a number of authorities itad he come refuctantly to the conclusion that the defendants were liable to pay without themselves being paid. In the circumstances he was not prepared to punish the defendants for withholding payment.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; an assignee in a variety of circumsiances.

After reviewing a number of authorities his Lordship said that the claim for £30,000 did not accrue before the defendants received notice of the assignment of the debt of £10,587 to the debenture bolders and there was no relevant commexion between the transactions which gave rise to the claim and to the debt respectively.

It had been submitted for the defendants that the authorities witholding payment.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Victor Mishcon & Co.

Tower Hamlets London Borough

premises occupied by electricity boards under section 34(1) of the pied ". General Rate Act, 1967, applies to vacant showrooms occupied by the boards, the Divisional Court

occupied by the board was not in use. It was not possible to ignore the word "used" in the phrase "occupied and used" in the section. "Used" was not a

The court allowed an appeal by the London Electricity Board, by way of case stated, from the adjudecided.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL
DAVIES, who was sitting with the
Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice
Robert Goff, said that section
34(2)(b), by which an electricity
board showroom was excepted
from the exemption to pay rates,
did not apply when a showroom

MR P. D. Fanner,
metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, who on an application by
Tower Hamlets London distress
warrant against the board in respect of unoccupied rate of £386
which the board had failed to pay.



Which way out of our educational uncertainties?

The theme of Rhodes Boyson "bring hardly be surprised at some of our back the tests, one sure way to make education work" (The Times, December 30) holds a sufficient element of schools for industrial and technical truth to appear attractive, without revealing the disasters such a policy would bring. A similar comment could be levelled at other "cure-all" schemes that have been pressed on schools in the past 15 years. The present debate will produce little of value unless some unpalatable truths are faced, the right questions asked, and it is realized that few slogan solutions work in education, or indeed anywhere else.

Despite its present clamour about schools, the Ecicish establishment have never taken universal secondary education seriously. For many, "high educational standards "implies Win-chester, Ozbridge et al. . . . But levels of attainment—particularly when dependent on entry by competition-are not the same as educational standards as such. Some of the greatest educa-tional skills are probably developed and deployed in some classes for slow learners or where there are a significant proportion of "awkward" pupils who cannot be denied entry or con-igned elsewhere; but unlike the medical profession who learn about health from the sick, esteem in teaching has been a reverse of the real

Too citen today the least experienced and least "qualified" teachers are assigned the most "difficult" classes, and promotion is out of the classes, and promotion is out of the classroom altogether. Who would sand the least skilled engineer to ser-vice or repair the most delicate and fault-prone machine? In schools we do it every day—to human beings. If our approach to human relations in schools is so insensitive we can

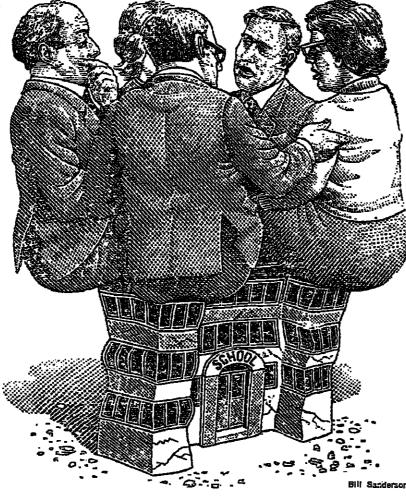
salvation. On improving our approach to technical matters a lot can be learned from the question "Why was Oundle the exception and not the rule? ".

Colleges of education have had few supporters among experienced classroom teachers since the early 1960's, but few of their sternest critics would wish on them the limit-ing Boyson role of producing "teachers equipped with classroom skills and a body of knowledge and under-standing of the established curricu-lum they had to teach." This may be part of any requirement; but on its own it is instruction, not educa-tion. The narrow brief of instruction has social class implications which are limiting and repressive, whereas education should be universal and liberating Education is more about learning than teaching, lighting fires not filling pots.

Whatever the need for new educa-

tional certainties they cannot be met by yenning for the relative simplici-ties of the old "elementary" education, from which bright boys and girls were able to "escape" to bigher things. Whatever virtues were found in elementary classrooms they were fundamentally educational and did not come from restrictive Acre of Parliament. The "elementary" curriculum was circumscribed by law and any uniformity imposed by the good of the "scholarship" or 11-plus was there because until 1944 school education proper was on retion. Before that date it was only

avzilable to those who could pay, or to the deserving poor.



If such a system of latter day ele-mentary education, together with the proposed public examinations of attainment at 7, 11 and 15 and associated public and open competition but if not back, which way for ward? If we reject the "regressive" answer the only alternative? Despite suggestions to the chest affects nosis—counselling about tacks of a succession of a su

race for the young with possible branding for life at 16. Personal and class rivalries would be encouraged; divisions in the teaching profession would grow, and snobbery and social

Many teachers who would wholeheartedly reject the "regressive" approach are concerned about standards and skills, and are not happy with all the developments in schools of recent years. For many the answers to our undoubted dilemmas are not to be found in the nostrums of either the regressive or progressive ex-tremes. Both tend to ignore the priority need for a stable learning environment for pupils that both motivates and matures in accordance with their unique needs. The grammar schools were not designed for this as they fitted pupils to their fixed educational purposes; some comprehensive schools have not fulfilled their potential because they have not

realized what it is.

We have no agreed secondary rationale; instead a whifi of the Poor Law mixes with the precepts of Dr Arnold for a television generation brought up on Dr Who. The central problems of motivation, learning lad-ders, assessment and examinations ders, assessment and examinations have yet to be tackled properly.

Some schools remaining broadly traditional methods create excellent educational standards; in others morale, motivation, and standards can be poor. Conversely some schools consciously adopting "progressive" systems find that in practice they do not jell and things never really take off, whereas elsewhere the same systems appear to produce a white

gressive" educational philosophy. rit is in a return to educational fundamentals and practical development of them in the schools, instead of unthinking adoption of inherited patterns, systems superimposed from outside, or chosen off the shelves of the educational supermarkers. In this process the experience, minds and skills of long serving and successful classroom teachers of ordinary or "difficult" children in areas of un-helpful social conditions are crucial. Alas the structure and operation of our educational world does not recognize that these teachers have themselves been subject to a unique learning experience that no university in the world can provide; still less does the system set out to harness and use what they have learnt. The British establishment does not think like this, yet. It it did then some good might come from the so called educational debate, for which there is no motion.

In the meantime three things could be done to help. All Department of Education officials should spend a year on assignment to an education authority early in their careers. All education authority administrators and inspectors should spend a com-pulsory sabbatical term teaching in a "difficult" school of another authority. Recruits to teacher training courses should be carefully selected from a broad bandwidth of work experience at no younger than 23, and be paid accordingly. These cats might make some pigeons flutter, but children, schools and the nation would gain.

Nigel Spearing The author is Labour MP for New-

apparent In Australia, for example, the incidence of

Duchenne dystrophy has been

cut by 60 per cent in the past decade. Twenty years ago almost half of all women giving

burh to affected children knew the disease ran in the family:

nowadays such cases are rare. While new cases will continue

to occur, full use of existing

knowledge could keep their numbers to a manimum, but

that means that every affected

family must have access to a

unit with a full range of

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his payment of a pig amid EEC protests and sistence on the need serve British rish st going beyond Commun

Cutting the genetic risk

Faced with a patient with a progressive, irreversible disease, tionally and avoid any close contact, embarrassed by their inability to hold out any pros-pect of cure. Yet recently in the case of advanced cancer more and more doctors, nurses, and other medical staff have been discovering how rewarding it may be to abandon deceptions and euphemisms and join with the patient in planning the control of symptoms during the last months of his or her illness.

This positive attitude is also percolating into the harrowing area of childhood disease such as the muscular dystrophies, for which a new trial of treatment has just started in London! The

two years do symptoms deve-lop, when the child's walking may be seen to be a little clumsy. Soon the mother notices that her child falls over more frequently than normal and that he cannot raise his legs high enough to run. As the boy grows his coordination

time in the early teens the child becomes unable to walk and has to take to a wheelchair. Eventually weakness of the

is obviously handicapped. Some-

may improve, but the weal ness that started in his legs spreads

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muscular dystrophies are inherited diseases in which the
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Twenty-five were told they had a high risk of being carriers, and only seven were prepared to plan further pregnancies—
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common variants of muscular Duchenne distrophy, the most common variants of muscular distrophy are mostly inherited in a different way and some may affect girls as well as boys. The age of onset is often later covery 3,000 is affected. The baby seems quite normal at much less rapid. Some forms, birth: only after 18 months to such as myotonic dystrophy, do such as myotonic dystrophy, do not shorten the life-span to any great extent, and affected in-dividuals may have families

Advice on family planning is, indeed, one of the most important aspects of the medical care of dystrophic patients and their relations. Clearly the parents of a child who develops muscular dystrophy need to know whether any later children they might have would be affected, and the apparently normal brothers, sisters, and cousins also need expert advice on their chance of being car-riers of the abnormality. The first essential is accurate diag-

laboratory tests as well as ex-pert physical examination.

In Duchenne dystrophy the

pattern of inheritance is clear; just as in haemophilia, the disease affects males but is transmitted by females. Healthy male relatives of a child with Duchenne dystrophy cannot be carriers, but his sisters have a 50 per cent chance of carrying the defective gene. Those who are carriers almost always have abnormal amounts of the enzyme creatine kinase in their blood. Genetic counselling is based on a combination of the results of repeated blood tests and a detailed family history, and the results are reassuringly reliable. At the Institute of Child Health in London, for example, in the past ten years advice has been given to 71 women of childbearing age.

the fetus early enough to per-mit termination if the fetus were male. In contrast, 46 women were told that their risk of being carriers was low: between them they had 25 daughters and 19 sons, none

of whom showed any evidence of the disease. A blood test can now be done at birth to determine whether or not a boy will later develop Duchenne dystrophy, but the procedure has limited value. The early warning it gives may prevent a couple having other children before their first born develops symptoms, but the advance information cannot as yet be used to delay or prevent the onset of the disease.

Incurability does not, however, mean the disease is untreatable. There is no doubt that regular assessment, physio-

so keeping the child mobile for as long as possible. A trial is beginning at the Jerry Lewis Muscle Research Centre and the Department of Child Health at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School of the value of repeated physiotherapy in main-taining muscle strength. A programme of treatment along these lines is a great boost for the morale of the child and his parents; they need to know that the progress of the disease is to be challenged and delayed at every stage, and that full advan-tage will be taken of the muscle function that remains.

Furthermore there are hopeful signs on the horizon. Research in Britain and elsewhere is moving ever closer to the identification of the exact nature of the genetic defect responsible for the muscular

(as is the case with every aspect of medicine at present) there is no prospect of filling the gaps in the service until the economic squeeze lifts from the NHS and medical research.

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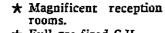
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Last year was bad all ing. Last year was bad all ing.

round. Families were staying So is this the time to buy? afford something better, put, fearing that repayment For the lucky ones who are there certainly is a variety rates would go up, and build-not put off by crippling rail to choose from.

year. "The demand is there, £20,000 for four-bedroom hunting. and we are confident we can detached. And their show-meet it so long as interest house is open at East Grin-

Was there ever such a time rates keep coming down and stead where three and four-of ups and downs, rumours, the mortgage famine eases." bedroom homes cost between uncertainties and downright Confidence is kkely to be £14,750 and £19,850.

uncertainties and downright fears to afflict the earnest come the word of the year. Costain Homes have prohouse-seeker? Probably not, but as a species he seems to thrive on punishment.

And now that spring will soon be casting its merry spell, neither inflation nor the scowl on the face of the building society manager nor the scowl on the face of the building society manager nor even talk of a siege economy will put him off, so long as he is besieged inside his own increased on average by only gages, free huilding society. increased on average by only gages, free building society
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And what could turn into service.

a stampede to buy was the view of the chief surveyor of the Anglia Building Society that bouse prices will soar as rooms and lavish fittings At Cobham, Focus 21, have the economy improves. This from £39.750, and offer cash was supported by Lord Hill discounts for early comof the Abbey National, who pletion. At Reading, West
said that second hand house New Homes are asking
prices would have to rise before any real start could be £14.280 for three-bedroom in the rate after the Budget, made with new house build homes. For first-timers, and

ers were worried over the fares that are forcing many effects of inflation on materials and labour. Only 150,000 out of London to sell up and keep up with the rate of inflation (work that one out!) 1976 and a further decline is expected this year unless other hank-healing charges long term investment there expected this year unless other bank-breaking charges long term invertment there the industry's confidence in best not thought about) is little that offers a better the future is restored. But there is a variety of variously hedge than good old bricks already there is a move priced new houses eround to and mortar. So as you fill in in that direction with the tempt them to call in the your banker's order to pay stoody cutting of general and the stoody sto

in that direction with the tempt them to call in the your bankers order to pay steady cutting of general removal men.

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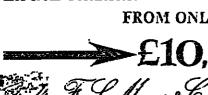
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What an innings, and what a scoop

so long an integral and essential part of British intellectual life that I am surprised that robody seems to have comprehensively charted its rise and fall; there have been studies of particular journals (the Cuarterly itself, for instance. and I think the Edinburgh Reticu, and not long ago there was a commemorative selection from one of the few significant survivors, the Political Quarterly), but as far as I know there is no general picture of the tradition. Yet the phenomenon of a literary form in writers could easily spend 10,000 words at their leisure on some topic of wide interest. without departing from the distinctive requirements of periodical publication, deserves attention; at the very least, somebody ought to explain how the quarterly became so influential, and why it

ceased to be. Or rather: why it almost ceased to be. For there are a few still left, outside the field of purely learned journals, for the reader who seeks something more scholarly than but not so intensely specialist lar; I think it is true to say

The quarterly magazine was for as to demand expert qualifica-tions if it is to be understood. There is none, it is true, still publishing the wide range of literary and political topics that were once on offer; but there are some which till their parti-cular field in suitably wide

> And of these, one of the most consistently interesting and useful is this week celebrating its 100th issue; such longevity in an area strewn with so many financial and other mines is alone worth celebrating, but Survey: A Journal of East and West Studies deserves praise and thanks for much more than merely continuing to exist, and today I want to roll a log for the magazine and for its indefatigably chee Leopold Labedz. cheerful editor, Labedz, a Polish-born version

of Mr Fezziwia (labedz means "swan" in Polish, and anything that looked less like a swan than Leo would be hard to envisage), has not only kept Survey alive for a quarter of a century; he has kept it respected, influential and indispensable. And he has done this by treading, with exceptionally surefooted instinct, the invisible line between the purely aca-demic and the diffusedly popu-

that almost everything in Surof East-West studies, yet at the same time of no less value and interest to the general reader. A glance through the con-tents of the 100th number,

which has for a general subtitle "The Future of East-West Relations", will make clear what I mean; daubly clear, as a matter of fact, because of the nearly 50 writers all but two are previous contributors to the magazine, many of them frequent and regular ones. Indeed, the breadth of subjects and interests implied by the roll-call of names on the cover provides striking and eloquent testimony to the outstanding quality of the journal before the recder even opens it. A publication which includes work by Andrei Amalrik, Raymond Aron, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Maurice Cranston, Milovan Njilas, Leszek Kolakowski, Arrigo Levi, Richard Pipes, Leonard Schapiro, Hugh Seton-Watson, Andrei Sinyavsky and Manes Sperber is not one that can be ignored, and a study of the editor's introduction, in which he looks back over some of the work he has printed. and some of the authors he has introduced to western readers, shows that the talents on show

Not to preach, to crusade or to polemicize, but to make us understand

fully representative of those which have filled Survey for the previous 99. Let me get out of Leo's way for a paragraph or so and let him do

s own boasting: We began to describe the attempts to "destalinize" the Soviet cultural scene well before the 20th congress . . . We covered in detail the ferment of ideas which led to the Polish October and Hungarian revolution of 1956 . . . We drew attention editorially to the Sino-Soviet differences four years before the dispute came to the surface in 1963 . . . We were the first to publish in English Sinyavsky and Amalrik . . . Among our various "firsts",

Nadezhda Mandelstam We devoted a special issue to the intellectual ferment in Czechoslovakia two yezrs before the Prague Spring . . .

Nor is Survey content to rest even upon such laurels as these. This 100th issue contains an astonishing scoop, in the first authentic and detailed account of the fate of Ivan Maisky Soviet Ambassador to Britain from 1932 to 1943; Maisky survived precariously as Stalin's blood-lust grew again towards the end of the wor, only to be arrested a mere fortnight before the monster's death. (Owing to an unfortunate combination of circumstances, he was not released-unlike, for instance, the doctors arrested at the same time—until he had we printed a number of texts at the same time—until he had by Solzhenitsyn, Sakharov, served 2! years in prison. But

another twenty years, dying peacefully in his bed, at the age of 91. in 1975.)

The revelations about Maisky, by Alexander Nekrich (who knew the ambassador well), also confirm and extend our knowledge of something much more important: Stalin's intention of instituting a fresh purge, in which the whole of the old guard of survivors—including Voroshilov, Kaganovich, Molotov and Mikoyan—were to be destroyed. The "doctors' plot" was the herald of this move, which was to start with the mass deportation of Soviet Jews to Siberia; rarely in history can so many have had such aeartielt reason to murmur Felix opportunitate mortis when Stalin died just as the

wheels were beginning to turn. The Nekrich article is the most sensational in the 100th Survey, but there is an enormovs amount of fascinating material besides. Raymond Area, for instance, contributes. under the title Solthenitsyn and European a savagely revealing study of Sartre: Solzhenitsyn, while still in Moscow, refused to meet this most odious of all the West's fellow-travellers, and Aron, who has for so long honoured Europe by his very loftism"

existence, tells us, in searing words, exactly why:

Here is the Right and here the Left. Here are the concentration camps which one does not approve and heat the ones which one does. There are good murderers and evil ones. Marxism remains the unsurpassable philosophy of our epoch, and those who base themselves upon it are always on the right side, while those who defend freedom against the advocates of that philosophy are in the wrong . . . As a personal v Sartre embodies everything which Solthenit-syn loathes: the rejection of moral guidelines, the fefusal to accept the age old dis-tinction between good and evil, the sacrifice of men's lives and the justification of crimes by an appeal to an indefinite future in in snort, the evil of ideology— a kind of evil which in Sartre's case takes on a pure sartre's case takes on a pure form—indirect, delegated evil. He kills nobody; he would not hurt a fly and his only participation in history is through his pen. Now he gives Stalin his half-hearted applause, now Captro has his unreserved, though shortlived, greeting, but never does he condemn the prac-

tice which Solzhenit detestable; the pr condemning crimes name of ideology. Survey has, and throughout the 100 nu its existence, two purp is to increase underst: the subjects it cover. preach, to crusade or micize, but to make stand. The other panion-is implied i last sentence, above: in careful, reasoned mented studies, the p committing crimes in of ideology. Leo Laber colleagues and co have pursued those upremitting and have served the freedom everywhere. second hundred be a as their first.

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article on Uruguay, on Tuesday, it was s "Amnesty Internation 22 cases Amnesty's latest fig

How sudden fame has changed the life of a master picture faker

Tom Keating: portrait of the artist about to give up his L-plates

"If I just had a billet, mate", says Tom Keating, "I'd be all right." It is now six months since he achieved a sudden and unlooked for fame as a master picture faker primarily as the author of a group of fake Samuel Palmers which experts had believed to be genuine. They have been difficult and worrying months.

He will be 60 on March 1, has few friends who have stood by him and is basically police inquiry into how and by whom his fakes came to be marketed. He definitely needs a "biller", by which he means a nice warm room or studio to work in with a north light, a ceiling high enough to accom-modate his winding easel and enough room to stand back from it and see how the pic-ture is taking shape—and it must, of course, have living accommodation attached.

It is almost an idée fixe that, if he was just set up with his "billet", he would be able to make out all right. He has hardly touched a brush for six months and reasonably believes that if he could just get back to his drawing and on him would recede in importance. But he is no good at all at looking for this haven; in fact, he is no good at all at looking after himself.

He does not just need a hil-let, he also needs a "sweety-pie" (as he puts it himself) or at least a companion house-eeper, a whole lot of new friends, a business manager and driving lessons. A motorbike with L-plates is no way for a man of his age to be catting around; it keeps on taking over and fighting back, and nowadays there are no porters around to help him lift in and out of crains.

What has be been doing for the last six months? Well, he has spent some of it with us; usband Frank Norman and I have been working with him on a book about his life "Sexton Blaking" (Tom's rhyming slang for faking).

He spent 10 days in Tenerife with Frank back in September collecting up pictures and and stand each other "tots".

papers from his old studio there. In January he spent three weeks in Canada where he was treated as a celebrity,

He has become increasingly appearing on television shows and being dragged off to museums by journalists in search of his fakes. He also



Tom Keating with one of his Constable copies

visited his old girl friend and partner Jane Kelly. Otherwise he has been sitting in his cottage in Dednam feeling miserable, wondering what to do next and giving interminable statements to the police. He seems to have struck up quite a friendship with Inspector Goodall of the art and antiques squad who is in charge of the investigation. They go out to lunch together and stand each other "tots". But it is an uneasy friendship or Tom counct know where it's

upset as friends to whom he has given little pictures as pre-sents in past years get visited by the police. He is becoming

less and less keen on identify-ing possible "Keatings" that I show to him, as he is dismayed at the thought that his generosity should be a cause of nuisance and inconvenience to others. This appears simply not to have occurred to him at the start. For, the Palmers apart, all the Keating fakes that either I or the police have so far tracked down have been found through his help.

He has told the police what he knows of the dealings in-volving 30 or so of his works in the manner of German Expressionist or French Impressionist artists back in the early 1960s, and has also given them a statement on the Palmers, Constables and other

works of his Suffolk years land Yard and he signed the (1967-71). Although this statement was for Canada on January 5, it had not been signed. When he returned on a flight that had been delayed for 24 hours by blizzards on January 31, he found Inspector Goodall at the

his luggage through customsincluding his Goya self-portrait and his Renoir pastels that he had taken with him to show the Canadians. Meanwhile the inspector stood him a double brandy at the bar. Then they chauffeured him back to Scot-

statement on the Suffolk years. These two statements were with the police when he left made simply as a "witness". Last Friday he entered a potentially more serious arena answering questions and identi-fying pictures after a police caution about the possibility that what he said might be airport to meet him.

It was eight o'clock in the morning and two airport around 60 of his works, some policemen were detailed to get 30 of his German Expressionists and French Impressionists, nine of his Palmers, five of his Constables, a couple of his Krieghoffs and a few other oddments.

Tom complains that they're mostly indifferent works, scratchy pastels and drawings,

or "oil" paintings for which he used give-away acrylic paint. None of his better works have been found, he says.

This is certainly my own experience and I have been working away trying to find his takes while the aspector worked away at how they had been marketed and by whom. In particular, where have his Impressionists gone? He must have done a let of them for I have some of the illustrations from which he worked covered

with paint splatters.
However, he has quite enough problems and one can aiready see others looming on the horizon. Financially his immediate needs are taken care of by the advance on his book on his life. If he ever gets free of his worries and feels able to make a modest fortune, for he has received 200-300 letters from people who now want to buy his paintings.

Even then, being the kind of person he is, he would surely fall into the income rax Carch 22 that assails all artists and writers who achieve sudden tame. For a year, possibly two, the money comes in with no tax deducted; after it has all been spent, the income tax demand arrives, followed by serious and threatening letters and finally (if the cash flow has now dried up, as it often does) by bankruptcy.

Although the cash flow has, as yet, hardly started and may never amount to much this would be particularly inevitable in Tom's case because of his habit of giving money away. I have watched him folding up ten pound notes, putthem in brown envelopes and sticking 61p stamps on; he sends them to his family, his friends and anyone he can think of who might be in need. He has been doing it all his life whenever he had anything to give. I don't think he likes to

have money; he identifies with poverty. He needs this familiar grudge against the world; he could have been rich years ago, had he wanted to be. If the money comes in in tens, he gives it away in tens, if in hundreds in hundreds. Like most of us he is his

own worst enemy; whotever happens over the next few months one can feel fairly confident that he will fail to turn it to his advantage.

> Geraldine Norman reraidine Norman in its ship-repairing proposals the hybridity questive Salesroom Correspondent was raised last September at its repairing in Parlian

In Parliament, the tricky question c hybrid Bills

What is this controversy at Westminster about "hybridity"? How does it arise in connexion with that tired old horse, the Aircraft and Ship-building Bill, now in its third annual session of cantering up to parliamentary fences? Anyone can be forgiven for

asking since the questions touch

on an obscure part of Parliament's work, namely private legislation (not to be confused with Private Members' Bills, which are normally public Bills). A private Bill affects specific or local interests, as distinct from having a general and uniform effect throughout the country. Typical private legislation includes Bills promoted by county councils or companies to enable them to assume powers or carry out tasks which require parliamentary sanction. For such a Bill there is a special procedure including, if required, the oppor-tunity for citizens affected to put their cases directly to committees of Parliament, assisted by their legal advisers. Most of the proceedings on this private legislation take place incon-

spicuously in committee rooms. A Bill is declared to be hybrid—part-public, part-private if it contains both general provisions, which characterize it as public, and special provi-sions which do not apply uniformly or which discriminate within a category of persons or cases. Again, to protect the mdividual citizen, the procedure for hybrid Bills incorporates hearings, if requested, for peritioners to enable them to state their cases

It will immediately be seen that an argument whether a Bill is hybrid or not raises considerissue. It decides whether indi- hybridity which it 1. viduals, groups or communities can come to Westminster and put their cases as part of the official proceedings of Parlia-ment. The promoters of Bills, including governments, like to be sure before they launch them whether their Bills are public or hybrid. They usually hope to avoid, if possible, the arcane and mysterious rituals associated with hybrid Bills.

A Bill which is obviously hybrid is labelled as such at the

outset by the officials of Parliament known as the Ex-aminers. A Bill which is later suspected of hybridity can be referred by either House to the Examiners according to certain procedures. To avoid rehearsing the full story of the Air-craft and Shipbuilding Bill, it is enough to recall that the Bill is now before the Examiners because the question of hybridity The author was fir

a hundred in the co been selected for : tion on the basis which appeared to imperfectly applied, sult, when the Bill w duced by the Governs new session of Parli November, first the the Commons and the cials in the Lords to the Examiners b or peers had even rer deliberations upon it No one can conte the Bill. No peer chance of discussing last session. The ners, consisting of clerk and counsel fr the Lords and Com had it before them s ber, hearing evidence

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One hour after the sentences on Ross McWhirter's murderers were announced, his surviving twin, Norris, set about launching a biography he has written The book, Ross, is to be published on Monday, and the press conference announcing it had been arranged before Christ-

The coincidence delighted the publishers, but Norris McWhirter was guarded in answering questions about the sentences. "I would say that they were very much in line with what has become established for these sort of offences. I am not particularly surprised by them."
He said he was not an enthusiast for capital punishment. He understood arguments on both ing that if everyone went round sides of the debate, which with the idea that they should be "circuitous and

He advised Ross's widow, Rosemary, against giving her feelings about the convicted men. She said she did not want to anyway. Her plan in life was to get on as normally as possible which meant, for example, helping to raise £200,000 for the local Cheshire Home, singing in the local church choir and playing ten-

Writing the book was "partly therapeutic and partly autobiographical", Norris said, because we regarded all experience as shared experience". He had never, though, had anything to do with Self-Help, the organization offering is properly date stamped. mends for information on

A coincidence, handled with dignity An unusually frank admission shorely before his death.
"My misgivings were about the other people there. While

The Times Diary

obviously exercise some control. When he was dead, I did not feel I wanted to get involved in any way." Did he fear for his own life? "There is no point in setting oneself up. But I have the feel-

be immortal, nothing would ever get done. Obviously what has happened makes one more aware of the dangers". To the reactions to the sentences or relief of all, someone then asked about the Guinness Book of Records entry on non-stop disc jockeying, and it turned into a more conventional booklaunching.

> Every journal has its devoted readers, even the Eggs Authority Review, and one of them wrote to the Authority wondering why he had not received a copy of his favourite reading since the autumn of 1975. In reply, he was told that the spring/summer, 1976, issue was behind schedule, but his copy would arrive shortly. I hope it

about his driving skill comes from Douglas Hurd, MP for Mid-Oxfordshire, who is quoted in the Oxford Journal as saying:
"For months I have been trying to get speed limits where I think they are badly needed on the A40 at Risinghurst, on the A34 between Begbroke and Yarnton, and at Weston on the Green. I always come up against the same stone wall."

Deflated

It was another coincidence that Sir Harold Wilson was giving a speech at Canada House yes-terday, during the week of the Haines revelations about his administration. There was speculation beforehand about whether he would touch on the topic. From my past experience of him I thought he would, in a flip aside calculated to show that he did not take the row

seriously. I was wrong. He avoided any mention of it, perhaps an indi-cation that he does take it seriously and finds it wounding. He looked sombre throughout and seemed quite deflated. There was none of the self-

confident bounce which he has exuded since he resigned as exided since he resigned as Prime Minister—notably at the events surrounding the publi-cation of his book only a few weeks ago.

The occasion was a lunch for

the Grierson Memorial Trustcommemorating the late John Grierson, the Canadian master of the short film. Sir Harold read quickly and without much expression through a long, closely-typed script on the subject of short films. He ject of short films. He attempted a couple of jokes, but with kitle conviction, and they fell flat. Sad.

Ding-a-ling

Has Shirley Williams considered including ancient Chinese music among the English and maths in her proposed broad-based school leaving certificate? It would be a popular move with the schoolchildren of Leicestershire, who claim to be able to muster the only schools Chinese music orchestra in Europe

The 15 players, aged between 12 and 15 processes and 15 players, aged between 12 and 15 players.

12 and 16, were at the Great Britain China Centre in London on Wednesday night to give a recital of some 1,200-year-old tunes before a select audience including the Chinese chargé d'attaires and his wife. Ancient Chinese tunes are quite pleasshort side, but ancient Chinese instruments, made in Hong-kong and available in London, are the very devil to keep in tune.

The children made a valiant attempt at Wine Puppet and Music For A Thousand Autumns, and probably fell much better when a girl from the Chinese Embassy, pressed into a solo performance on the flute, had similar difficulty. "I have not practised, but in the interests of friendship between the British and Chinese people, I shall have a go", she

Leicestershire's Chinese orchestra is the brainchild of Hugh Rowntree-Clifford re-sources consultant to the local education sutherity, part of whose job is to introduce unusual projects. It forms part of an overall Chinese study programme in the county and has proved popular; last year nie orchestra appeared with professional musicians at an international festival of oriental music at Durham. In the interests of closer inter-national understanding extennational understanding, schoolchildren in Peking tught now to be taught the bagpipes.

Crushed

News from the laboratories of Marks and Spencer about my black velvet jacket, which had a worrying worn patch on one of the elbows. Scientists have diagnosed "pile-crushing",

and the garment is now as good as new.

The M & S spokesman was a bit scathing about my com-plaint. "We've been selling that quality velvet for three or four years and we've never had trouble before", he said. "Any competent housewife should know how to treat that." I have always regarded myself as a competent houseperson, but until recently velvet was not a part of my life.

In any case, I am sorry if I cast entirely unjustified aspersions on the quality of the merchandise, and I am grateful to M & S for dealing with it so promptly.

Bedtime story

The British Embassy in Parls has acquired a portrait of Pauline Borghese, the sister of Napoleon 1, so that it now hangs in her former mansion. Princess Marie Louise, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, had a story about Pauline and her palace in her autobiography, My Memoirs of Six Reigns.

A British Ambassador, who had not yet fully mastered the intricacies of the French language, was entertaining the French Prime Minister to dinone of the elbows. Scientists ner. Caught for conversation, he have diagnosed "pile-crushing", which, they say, is a common savez-vous que je dors dans le phenomenon. The remedy is to treat the affected area with steam, which they did under strictly controlled laboratory vorre Excellence ne m'intéresse conditions (an electric kettle) conditions (an electric kettle), pas du tout."



Good news

Justaw Serious of the BBC interviews P. H. Simpligessverk, my economics correspondent, about the latest Government borrowing figures: Serious: Just how encouraging are the latest figures? S'verk: It's a bit early to say.

What they show is that revenue is sharply higher than in the most recent budget forecasts. This means that our deficit-

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of their raison d'etre. eover, in failing they bring uthority of governments rule of law into contempt ing them against economic ocial forces which they control. It is noted that, the totalitarian countries t have paid an even r, though different, price access) incomes policies consistently failed wheretey have been tried without ing any discernible effect

es of inflation. strong argument is rather ned in the book by being d with a dubious argument ed against a straw man escapes unscathed. The man is made to say, "But o admit that trade union is one of the factors affecthe sustainable level of loyment — does not this a permanent incomes to persuade unions not to their members out of

The Times has used this kind of argument for a temporary incomes policy, but not for a permanent incomes policy, since The Times has long regarded a permanent incomes policy as involving economic and political costs out of all proportion to any possible benefits. The Times has also discussed whether and what permanent institutional changes, but not pay controls, might tend to reduce the sustainable level of unemployment consistent with stable prices and a free

The authors then come to the more formidable antagonist who argues: "You have admitted that a monetary slowdown results in a 'transitional' increase in unemployment . . . because people will continue for a while to base their pricing—and wagefixing policies on expectations created by previous inflationary experience. . . Why not have temporary wage and price con-trols to cut short the learning process so that pay and price decisions are adjusted downwards more quickly and fewer people are priced out of jobs?".

They have too short a way with him, arguing that " the important part of changing expectations about wages and price behaviour is the credibility of the government's policy of slower monetary expansion" and that anyway " in practice governments do not use controls as a complement to monetary policy but as a substitute for it". This appears to assume an improbable fascination in trade union circles with monetary theory and statistics.

The history of the past eighteen months, despite Brittan's and Lilley's assertions to the contrary (based on an uncharacteristic confusion of a tex reduction in the 1976 budget with monetary relaxation), argues against their thesis. If pay settlements, which had been running as high as 30 per cent in the summer of 1975, had not been abruptly restrained, then many more people would have priced themselves out of their jobs and the pressure to reflate (and to buttress the pound by import controls) would have been much stronger and we should not have had even the partially restrained monetary expansion that we have

It can still be argued against even a temporary incomes policy that what Brittan and Lilley call the price paid to obtain union consent", added to the rigidities, anomalies and progressive frustration of normal adjustments in the labour market, exceed the benefits, although the magnitudes cannot be measured at all precisely. It is, however, certain that the benefits are immediate and degressive, while the costs are progressive and cumulative. In present circumstances this probably argues for a return to free pay from next summer.

There remain the important questions whether there is or ever was any real problem for incomes policies to solve. The general theme of the argument in the book is that the problem has been invented by evil or dis-

turbed men. Britten and Lilley state categorically that "institutional factors (like trade union bargaining) . . . cannot determine the average level of money wages". Elsewhere, they also profess themselves sceptical whether unions ever have, though in theory they think they could have, contributed to the rising trend in unemployment over the past ten years or more by their exercise of a monopoly bargaining power.

work?", an argument which according to the authors "has frequently been propounded by here, which a close reader will find running right through the book. If trade unions cannot determine the average level of money wages, then they certainly cannot—even in theory—price their members generally out of jobs or contribute to a higher than necessary level of unemployment.

There is a deep ambivalence

Yet the authors also say that no one really knows just how important union monopoly is among the reasons for high unemployment in the United Kingdom". And repeatedly throughout the book it is stated and taken for granted that trade union bargaining can, does, has or might: "resist the rise in import prices and the resulting pressure on real incomes by claiming higher wages"; "feel cheated (by bad official forecasts) and so spark off the very wage explosion that is feared" turn a £6 a week maximum into a £6 a week minimum; be one of the "social forces which are roo powerful to outlaw"; and benefit from "some sort of early warning system to communicate to union leaders the wage implications of a given monetary policy". This does not sound like impotence.

It is a pity that this blurred, if not blind, spot in Brittan's and Lilley's generally acute vision has prevented them from confronting the next real question for serious thinkers about incomes policy. If, as the last twenty years suggest, collective bargaining does raise the sustainable level of unemployment seriously above levels which are consistent with political stability and if incomes policies, temporary breathing spaces apart, cannot permanently modify that effect, what then?

The authors refer briefly and slightingly to some institutional changes (such as "various types of workers' cooperatives, schemes of industrial democracy and profit-sharing, or methods of job enrichment to replace the assembly line ") which have been proposed in this context. They conclude triumphantly that none of these trendy concepts have spread like wildfire through industry". But it is in the nature of changes designed to improve the functioning of a defective system that they are not selfpromoting.

Incomes policies not the answer

The rule of law did not spread like wildfire through the jungle. Nor did traffic lights spread like wildfire through the private initiative of individual motorists. The limited liability company had to be legislated for: and in the days of real laissez-faire monopoly, cartels and trusts showed much more inclination to spread like wildfire than the institutions of a competitive market economy, which Brittan and Lilley rightly approve.

What is now needed is a careful attempt to measure how far, given a non-inflationary monetary policy, the monopolistic supply of labour affects unemployment and, if the quantum is large enough to cause concern, of the means by which collective bargaining can be modified. It is at least quite clear-and this book helps to make it so-that incomes policies cannot provide any kind of workable permanent solution to this problem except under totalitarian conditions.

The Delusions of Incomes Policy, hy Samuel Brittan and Peter Lilley, Maurice Temple Smith Ltd, Hardback £6.50; Paperback £3.0.

ing on Rockall 1r Terence Prittie : a Tipperary man may I say

ofoundly disturbed I was by eport of February 4 on the invasion, in 1955, of the of Rockall? As your article subject pointed out, Rockall h nearer to the coast of the country of Great 1 (the nearest British terri-of course, is County Londonand not any part of Scot-

il sure that your readers will tand that landing a party of cemen" on an uninhabited oes not enforce a territorial o it. For, whatever the British ment of 1955 believed, i is now committed—under Nations Resolution 242 of to the doctrine of the inaddity of the acquisition of ry by military force.

was perpetrated in 1955.

should have landed not cemen", but a party of White-vil servants, armed with nothore lethal than bowler hats he Odd-job sort) and brollies. anyway, remains uninhabind it is impossible to hold a adum there.

days of gunboat diplomacy 'er. And Rockall was not dis-id by a Briton, but by Irish St an. He was rather short d and he called it the Island Blest.

faid fully. NCE C. F. PRITTIE, Iall, SW1.

nging the constitution Sir Rex Niven We pride ourselves on having constitution we have is "flexible", and "flexible" by general belief is "strong": flexible can bend but cannot be changed without being taken to pieces. The present devolu-tion proposals are in fact taking the constitution to pieces without the proper tools.

Constitutions are changed by conventions of all parties and of all interests and of representatives of those who will have to make it work. Even in the comparatively simple" conditions in Nigeria, proposals for changes went down to district level in the form of questions, and helpful answers

Changes in constitutions surely must be based on general agreement reached before the drafting of Bills on. Royal Commissions are excellent and effective for their own purposes, but the changing of a constitution is a matter which in the end affects every soul living in the land, and all those souls waiting in the wings of the future, and consideration should surely be as widely based as possible.

The present Bill, to the onlooker, is crammed with inconsistencies and weaknesses and cannot possibly work in practice. It does not seem to me to be possible, as it is, to amend it to make it into a real working human instrument. If hy any fortunate chance the Bill were to fail I hope most sincerely that reconsideration will be on a grander and more inspired scale. It is important and inspiration, now so lacking, is required. I feel that Mr Steel is near the truth in some of his article today (February 7). Yours sincerely,

REX NIVEN, Hope Road, Kent. written constitution and what February 7.

Privacy and the media From Mr Paul Sieghart

Sir, The Managing Director of Capital Radio (January 28) is right to worry about any law which might turn out to fetter the freedom of expression, whether in the press, on the air, or elsewhere. Yet neither he nor any responsible journalist would claim an unfettered right to infringe the privacy of any citizen unless it is for the public benefit, and I am sure he objects as strongly

as anyone when that does happen.

He cites section 4(2) of the Independent Broadcasting Act as a bad aw. That is a good argument against bad laws, but it is not an argument for having no law at all. We are bound by our international obliga-tions to have laws to protect our citizens' right of privacy (as well as their right of free expression); but our privacy laws are still defec-tive, as the Younger Committee found more than four years ago.
Very little has been done since,
largely (one suspects) because
politicians of all colours do not like to tangle with the press. Yet the few infringements of privacy by the press are a minuscule frac-tion of the total—compared, say with the army of official snoopers of whose annual increase the press frequently, and rightly complains.

If the media are truly concerned about the whole field of privacy, and not merely that small part which affects them directly, they should combine now to devise an acceptable formula for their own regulation. Once that stumbling block is removed, our politicians would be able to tackle the rest, knowing that the media will support them.

Yours, etc. PAUL SIEGHART, 6 Grav's Inn Square, WC1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Punishing young offenders

From the Secretary of The Magi-strates Association Sir, On February 4 you reported parliamentary exchanges under the heading "Magistrates not using all their powers to deal with vandals". It is not adequately realized that in imposing a fine, magistrates are required by statute to have regard to the means of the defendant. If a young man has smashed up property and then proves to be out of work, or without means, what is the court to do? The maximum penalty for wilfully damaging property is a fine up to £400 and/or six months' imprisonment and the offender can be ordered to the offender can be ordered to pay compensation. But if he is unem-ployed, this is often academic for a really heavy fine would be unjust and unenforceable.

Since there are few cases in which reports show that the hope-ful alternative of community service would be appropriate, the other possibility is detention centre or imprisonment. Here Parliament has rightly imposed restrictions to ensure that no one is imprisoned lightly. The offender must have the chance to legal representation, the court should have a social enquiry report about him or her, and if the offender is under 21, or over 21 and has not been in prison before, then the court must state its reasons for concluding that no other penalty would be appropriate. Everyone agrees that custody should be the

Much violence and vandalism comes from juveniles under 17 where the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 has deprived the courts of adequate power to deal effectively even with repeated offences. Eighteen months ago the all-party House of Commons Expenditure Committee unanimously recommended that, the second time round, juvenile courts should have power to make a secure care order but the Government White Paper of May 1976 conceded only that the courts should have power to make a recommendation (and that behind the scenes and not in open court) to the local authority social services. In recent discussions involving this Association and the local authority Associations the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Home Secretary seemed unable to go any further. Until juvenile courts have adequate powers restored they are not to be blamed for their inability to stem rising juvenile delinquency. Yours faithfully,

A. J. BRAYSHAW, Secretary, The Magistrates' Association. 28 Fitzroy Square, W1. February. 9.

Sir Harold's honours

From Professor Bernard Crick Sir, Mr S. C. Leslie (February 9) says à propos Mr Haines' entry into authorship, "it seems obvious that the system can survive only if Civil Service conventions about the confidential nature of internal proceedings are respected. . ". How absurd! Of course it can, has and will. Why must people use such pusedo-empirical rhetoric, about "systems" surviving or collapsing, when all they mean to say is that they think something is morally wrong—which is surely bad enough?

Even so, I disagree. I would offer contrary aphorism that a system s only worthy of full respect when the kitchens are open for inspection, or if that is not always possible. that we would not feel disrespect for what we would see if they were.

I cannot quite agree, either, with Mr David Bett (February 9) that it is all a fuss about nothing. Think rather of the alleged words of Mr Jay Gould, the American financier of the 1860s, who, as he fled from his Erie Railroad offices pursued by a mob of angry shareholders, cried reassuringly over his shoulder to a few, simple, trusting loyalists:
"Nothing is lost, save honour". Yours sincerely. BERNARD CRICK, Joint Editor, The Political Quarterly, Birkbeck College, Gresse Street, W1,

From Mr Owen Greenwood Sir, It is all very well for retired civil servants to write with lofty disdair of "some imported Fleet Street lion with a long tongue and no disposition to govern it", but the fact is that people have a right to know in what manner they are governed.

It matters nothing that the emergence of the truth reflects no credit upon this or that individual. facts are what count, and people who wish to conceal facts—whether by falsehood, or promise of some favour, or even by "public statements of guidance", must not be surprised if the lid blows off with a bang. a bang.

Yours faithfully, O. GREENWOOD, 12 Elm Grove Road, Ealing, W5.

February 9.

Teaching Community law

From Professor J. D. B. Mitchell Sir, There are occasions when the Scottish universities lead the way. It is perhaps reasonable to comment on Mr Berlins' balanced article on Community law (The Times, February 2) that the subject has been taught at the honours level in this university since 1965. The significance of that law, whether the United Kingdom was in or out, was perceived. Since them the number of honours courses he the number of honours courses has increased as has postgraduate teaching and the first thesis dates from 1969. Now the Faculty of Law has established the elements of Community law as a component on an introductory law course which is compulsory for all law students. Often the universities are criti-

cized for being laggardly, but there

are times when they are far ahead of the profession.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN D. B. MITCHELL, University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh. February 3.

The motivation of management

From Lord Plowden

Sir. The report on "Motivation of British Management" published earlier this week by Opinion Research Centre (The Times, February 8), has aroused widespread interest and comment.

It is a subject of the greaters It is a subject of the greatest national concern. It would be most regrettable if the debate outeriorated into a destructive and divisive "them and us" argument.

So if I may, I would like to direct attention to what I believe is the hoart of the matter.

The important thing for this country, which should take precedence over everything else, is the creation of more wealth. We ought not to be quarrelling about the correct division of the existing cake but how to increase the size of that cake and keep on increasing it. This transcends political argument. It is as important to the Labour Party for its plans to improve social benefits, to trade union leaders who wish to increase the take home pay and the security of their members, as it is to every other sector. More wealth benefits everybody.

It is industry and commerce which create this wealth. We all have a vital stake in the success of industry in competing with Germany, Japan, the United States and

Nobody should try to put management and the shop floor at each other's throats. Both are on the same side. Both are vital and both are complementary. If we are to succeed in creating the extra wealth, from which page into exclusive and the succeed in the succeeding the succeed from which new jobs, welfare, edu-cation, defence and, not least, national self confidence all flow,

then we have to attract the best men into industry and keep them motivated. It would be wrong to paint a too

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gloomy picture, but what the ORC survey has done with its factual investigation is to show that the morale of managers is at risk. Already too many feel that they do not have the status and the authority that their counterparts have in Western Europe and in North America. They feel that the part they play in society is unappreciated by politicians, commentators and consequently by large sections of

society.

The fact that economically managers have fared particularly badly in the past few years is no longer a matter of dispute. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor have both publicly accepted the basic

Leaving aside the question whether they have been fairly treated or not, how best do we encourage a key group of men and women whose enthusiasm, dedication, imagination, and sheer hard work are absolutely essential to the creation of wealth and prosperity?

I suggest two things. First, a start to the restoration of inceptives by the reduction of direct taxation in the Budget. Second, a campaign by industry and government to ensure that the public understands the importance of the wealth creating function of industry and commerce and the essential part played by management in that function. Yours faithfully,

PLOWDEN, Bridgewater House. Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.

which unanimously agreed that any

changes in the law to encourage

worker participation in management should be subsidiary to the reforms in industrial relations legislation

that they recommended. The majo-

rity of that commission did not recommend the appointment of "worker directors" and the minority that favoured it, and the TUC, be-lieved that it should be on a volum-

tary basis only. Bullock dismistes this by saying, in effect, that he

TUC has changed its mind! It is clear that others have not done so

and the debate on Bullock should

be extended to cover those other reforms which Donovan said must

From Lord Strathcona and Mount

Sir, David Baenett has performed a useful service by defining weat he anyway, means by "industrial democraty" (article in Business News,

It is the priorities of his first two

paragraphs which worry me. Surely the paramount need is to seek "an

ocrease in industrial efficiency".

The resulting benefit to everyone

will surely bring favourable condi-

tions for the desirable objective of giving "workers in industry some control over decisions that ritally

His other pleas for a flexible approach would be even more tell-

ang if only he would recognize that "workers" include many who are

affect their working lives ".

not members of unions.

Yours, &c.,

STRATHCONA,

House of Lords,

past wrongs.

effected.

Yours faithfully.

Northampton.

February 2).

Royal

TOM BOARDMAN.

The Manor House,

The Bullock Report

From Mr Tom Boardman Sir. Many of the damaging consequences that would flow from the implementation of the majority Report of the Bullock Committee have already been forecast in your columns and elsewhere. The pro-posals are the natural progeny of the trade unions and academic members and were preordained by the terms of reference.

The pity is that the time and resources spent on this report were not devoted to examining the reasons for our comparatively poor industrial performance and suggesting how this could be improved.

Instead of attributing the success of the West German economy and its avoidance of industrial conflict to worker directors they might have concluded that these owe more to its trade union laws and practices than to the composition of its super-visory boards. Might not the facts that the output per man and the standard of living in West Germany over the past 20 years have risen so much faster than ours be due to such things as their collective agreements being legally enforceable, closed shops being illegal and trade unions being subject to the same civil and criminal laws that apply

In 1969, the then Labour Govern-ment's *in Place of Strife* conceded that our economic prosperity was endangered by the serious defects of industrial relation which "failed to prevent injustice, disruption of work and inefficent use of manpower". The present Government has done nothing to remove those defects; in some respects it has added to them.

The Bullock Committee appear to have paid scant regard to the work of the Donovan Royal Commission

From Mr Jeremy Thorpe, MP for North Devon (Liberal), and Mr Emlyn Hoosen, QC, MP for Mont-gomeryshire (Liberal)

Sir, You are entirely right in saying

that the British Government should

make a generous payment to the

To its credit, the British Govern-

Lord Goronwy-Roberts told the Flouse of Lords on January 24 1977

"There is no question of the Government evading its responsi-

bilities. . . . I am anxious that it should play its full part—indeed

perhaps more than its full part-in

rectifying as far as possible with others concerned the enormities of

It is true that the mistakes of the

past cannot be wiped out. Ocean Island can never be rebabilitated.

In the recent litigation it became

clear that it would cost at least

30 million Australian dollars par-

tially to restore one sixth of the Island. But a prompt and fair money

sertlement can do much for the

dom Government to act. The gross breaches of duty identified by the Judge were breaches of duty of the

Colonial Government for which Britain is directly responsible. The fact that Australia and New Zealand

have received considerable econo

mic benefit is a reason why they

discharge of this responsibility.

well should share in the

Clearly it is for the United King-

past colonial policy."

has accepted responsibility.

The Banabans

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The British, Australian and New Zealand Governments retain 21 million dollars in the reserves of the British Phosphate Commissioners. In 1975 the Governments were prepared to use some of this money to settle the litigation. It still offers an honourable way out. The 21 million dollars should be paid to the Banabans at once with-

out strings as some reparation for

Any prevarication by the British Government will not be acceptable to public or partiamentary opinion. It will compel the Banabans to turn to the Court of Appeal as the only hope of impressing on the British Government that their duties are enforceable in the courts. Such a judgment would come as no surprise. The only issue now is whether the Banabans will be compelled to ask the Court of Appeal to seek legal grounds on which unques tioned moral obligations of HMG might be legally enforceable, or whether the Government, who have indicated from the beginning that they intend to discharge those obligations, will make a sufficiently generous ex gratia settlement. In so doing they would spare the Banabans further worry and expense, and themselves the odium of appearing to act in a mean and defensive wav.

We have the honour, Sir, to be your obedient servants, JEREMY THORPE, EMLYN HOOSEN. House of Commons.

South African visit From the General Secretary of the

Union of Post Office Workers Sir, You report (February 4) the South African Embassy's pained reaction to my refusal to take part in a fully paid for package tour of their country.

My reasons were simple. I would

have been as likely to see the worst sort of impression on this officially sponsored "jolly" as I would see-ing Russian labour camps on a visit the USSR or, in pre-war terms, Hitler's concentration camps. One does not need to be up to one's neck in a midden to smell Yours faithfully.

TOM JACKSON, General Secretary, Union of Post Office Workers, Crescent Lane, Clapham, SW4,

Career preferences

From Mr Robert M. Worcester Sir, In today's Times (February 9), an article reporting on our survey of final-year male undergraduates' attitudes towards careers gives a

misleading impression. This is especially true of the accompanying headline "Industry out of favour in students survey.".

The question which was used to

draw the overall conclusion summarised by the headline cannot be used in this manner. Other questions, that dealt specifically with students preferences for various careers, in fact indicate a greater preference for a career in business and industry rather than for one in the Civil Service. For example, when asked about the careers they were considering on graduation, 24 per cent were firmly intending to work in business and industry, as compared to 3 per cent firmly in-tending a career in the Civil Service. A further 33 per cent said that they would consider such a business career (and 30 per cent would consider a career in the Civil Service).

Such results do not justify the conclusions that "university students see themselves as much more fitted for Civil Service jobs than for industry" or that industry is out of favour with students. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT M. WORCESTER. Managing Director, Market & Opinion Research International, 86 Strand, WC2.

Church remarriage

after divorce From the Bishop of Sheffield and others

others

Sir, Next week the General Synod of the Church of England is likely to give provisional approval to a new Marriage Service. This service, like the other "Series III" services, is in modern English, and will be available as an atternative to the service in the Book of Common Prayer. Preliminary debates have shown a healthy awareness that this service is not an academic exercise but a service to be used by people but a service to be used by people— and people who in many cases have

little contact with the Church.

But there is one group of people which has not been considered in these debates, and whose existence the Church of England prefers to ignore whenever she can. We refer here to those whose first marriage has been dissolved, and who wish to re-marry in church. For them no marriage service is generally available. The law of the land gives clergyman the right to marry them, and many clergy wish to avail themselves of this right, but in the last hundred years the pressures exerted by those who believe such services to be wrong have led to such a hardening of official attitudes that few clergy feel able or feel it right to do so.

Three years ago a survey of the dioceses showed that a clear majority of bishops, clergy and laity were deeply dissatisfied with the present position. But after an extremely unsatisfactory debate in the Synod no decision was taken except that there should be yet another working party on the whole

theology of marriage.

We welcome liturgical revision, but we believe that a change in the attitude of the Church of England to the re-marriage of divorced persons is pastorally of far greater importance than the revision of the Yours faithfully. GORDON SHEFFIELD. TMERVYN SOUTHWARK, WELLS-PESTELL, FRANCOIS A. PIACHAUD, Prebendary of St Paul's and Vicar of Christ Church, Chelsea,

EDWARD CARPENTER, Deen of Westminster, A. C. ADCOCK. Vicar of Yarnton, Oxford, The Deanery, Westminster Abbey, SW1. February 9.

Canterbury and Rome

From the Rev Laurence Bright, OP Sir, Mrs Husain's letter of today (February 8) demonstrates rather starkly the gap between the theologies expressed in the joint statement on authority and those held by what she herself calls "an ordinary Catholic." There is no reason to fault such a description, or doubt that she was in fact taught to believe in the Petrine texts and other dogmas which stem from them". When she was being taught these things it was generally held dangerous to burden the simple faithful with anything so Protestant-sounding as belief in Jesus, or with criteria for judging the relative importance of parts of scripture or church pronouncements in their historical development.

Things are better now. At least a minority of religious education teachers have found a more mature approach, helped by excellent catechetical centres in some dioceses, and by various publications that reflect the totally new approach discovered by the Second Vatican Council. But is there any point in looking for ecumenical agreement between churches (rather than between their accredited experts) until a new generation, more aware of the complexity of truth, has replaced those led into error by the rigidity of their

pastors? Ecumenical cooperation surely continue. But it should work its effects through simple practical measures such as the abolition of sectarian schools rather than by union agreed without the involvement of ordinary church

Yours faithfully. LAURENCE BRIGHT. Lewin Road, SW16. February 8.

Temple Bar

From Mr Zelide Cowan Sir, With reference to the interesting article on Temple Bar by Richard Sachs (February 7) I would like to unshroud some of the mys-tery which apparently attaches to some of the statues on the arch. At least two of the original sculptures for Temple Bar were the works of John Bushnell, an eccentric man of some reputation who had sculpted for many years in Venice. Rupert Gunnis, in his Dictionary of British Sculptors 1660-1851, says: "Bush-Sculptors 1660-1851, says: "Businell's first public works in England were the statues of the King and Oueen which he made for Temple Bar in 1670, and for which he received £440. (City Corporation Mss, Temple Bar 135.27.)" The Oueen in the niche is presumably Catherine of Bruganza. Yours faithfully. Yours faithfully ZELIDE COWAN, 38 Gayton Road, NW3.

The Jubilee Hymn From Colonel Alan H. Maude

Sir, The Poet Laureate and the Master of the Queen's Music seem to have been less successful in their thankless task than were the writer (Was it Bishop Boyd-Carpenter of Ripon?) and the composer of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee hymn.

I have searched in vain among
my Victorian souvenirs for a copy
of it. Of the words, I can recall only
the first two and the last two lines:

O King of Kings whose reign of old Hath been from everlasting . . . And make the world

a better world For man's brief earthly dwelling. But the whole rousing tune still rings in the brain of at least one boy who sang it in a school Chapel 80 years ago. Yours faithfully. ALAN H. MAUDE, Stone House, Perworth.

West Sussex.



marriages

Mr L. Durrant

West Wittering.

Mr C. M. Hamer

Epermay, France.

Marriages

Mr A. N. J. Hay and Miss V. J. Coats

and Allie AL Pol-Roger

Mr J. S. Gammer and Miss P. J. Gardner

The engagement is announced

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tween Charles, son of Colonel and

Mrs Peter Hamer, of Oare Cottage, Hermitage, Berks ire, and Martic, daughter of the late M Guy Pol-Roger and Mme Guy Pol-Roger, of

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr

Prince Michael of Kent was present at the marriage of Mr Andrew Hay and Miss Virginia Coats which took place at t

Christopher Bramwell. Air Edward

between the Hon Edward Robert James Jervis, elder son of Viscount and Viscountess St Vincent of Les Charrières, St Ouen, and Miss Victoria Margaret Oldham, orly daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilton J. Oldham, of Green Lanes, Augerez, St Peter, Jersey. The Rev P. G. K. Manton officiated

The Hon E. R. J. Jervis and Miss V. M. Oldham

Mr P. A. van Wyngaarden and Miss D. Y. Hargreaves

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKENGHAM PALACE
February 16: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen siedler, on behalf of
The Queen, held an Investure in
Buckingham Palace this morning.
The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenaut-Colonel Sir
John Miller at the Funcial Service
Total A. A. Lenns (Lite of the for hir A. A. Leuns (late of the Welsh Gueris) which was held at Caterham this arternoon.

Ev command of The Queen, the

Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Air-port, London, this morning upon the arrival of The Amir of Eah-rain and welcomed his Highness on behalf of Her Majesty. CLARENCE HOUSE

February 10: Queen Elizabeth The tousen Mother, Chancellor of the linkers it of London, was present this evening at a Reception given by the President of the Union at the University of Loncon Union, Malet Street.
Mis Parick Campbell-Preston
and Captain Roland Grimshaw
were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this efternoon visited the Headquarters of the Friends of the Elderly and Candefolk's Help, of which Her Rosal Highness is President.
The Hon Dayma Woodhouse was no attendance.

in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by Major The Lord Napier and Etrick at the Funeral Service for Mr William Wallace which was held at The Grosvenor Channel South Audien Street this Chapel, South Audley Street, this

Mr Henry Allen very much regrets that owing to his being in the Middlesex Hospital, he was unable to be present at the memorial service for Colonel Charles Lorne

Birthdays today

Sir John Arbuthnot, 65; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Barnett, 71; tha Hon Mark Bonham Carter, 55; Sir Alexander Cairncross, 66; Sir Richard Dobson, 63; Air Commodore Sir James Easton, 69; Sir Vivian Fuchs, 69; Professor Roy Fuller, 65; Sir Mark Hanig, 66; Sir Frederick Hoare, 64; Sir Keith Holyoake, 73; Dr Donald Hunter. 79; Baroness Starples, 54; Mr John Surtees, 42,

Today's engagements Exhibition: Pompeii AD79, illu-strating lifestyle of city des-troyed by Vesuvius, Royal

troyed by \\Academy, 10-8. Lecture: Electricity, Magnetism and Clocks by Charles Aked, Lecture Theatre, Science Museum, 5.45.

Band concert by St Thomas the Aposile school, Peckham, Con-ference Hall, County Hall, 12,45-1,30.

Lunchtime Music: Roger Preston, cello, Concert Hall, Gulidhall School of Music and Drama, 1.10.

Memorial service Viscount Trenchard

A memorial service for Marshal of the RAF Viscount Trenchard, founder of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, officiated, and a wreath of poppies was laid by Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, a vice-president of the RAF Benevolent Fund. Those present included: sent included:
Viscount and Viscountess Trenchard.
Viscount ward of Willey, Mr James
Wellbeloved. Parliamentary UnderSecretary of State for Delence for the
HAF, Air Marshal Sir Alandair and
Ludy Steedman. Air Marshal Sir David
Evans, Air Marshal Sir Augustus Walker
representing RAF Association). Air
Marshal Sir Denis Grovley-Milling, Mr
W. J. Charnicy (Millstry of Delence)
and Mr J. H. Nelson.

Museum library closure The Caird Library, together with the card Library, together with the reference section and allied research facilities, at the National Maritime Museum, will be closed to the public, readers and researchers for annual stock-taking from next Monday to Saturday inclusive.

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, Feb 11, 1952

Pleven plan in trouble The Pleven plan for a European army with all that it means for the future of European defence and European cooperation is in serious trouble. Dr Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, whose own faith in the plan has never been questioned last week got the consent of the Bundestag to persevere in the negotiations by the small majority of 48 votes. He achieved this only by accept-ing as part of his government's policy a number of resolutions tabled by the coalition parties tabled by the coalition parties which will make the negotiations more difficult. Taken at their face value these resolutions amount to a demand for absolute sovereignty in all relations with western nowers and would sovereignty in air relations with the western powers and would plainly endanger the negotiations for a new treaty between Germany and the three occupying powers almost as much as those between Cormany and France. Dr Adenauer has also to bear in mind that the Social Democrats, who command wide support in the country, esecutive among the the country, especially among the workers, are still violently opposed to the whole scheme. They do not hide their hope that they may force a general election on this issue.

Church news

Books

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Appointments
The Rev D. Hughes, Rector of Risley, elocase of Bryty to be pricationary of Horsey, some diocess, and the return of YMZA. Middlesbrough, to be vicar of El Richard's, Loa Hall, elocase of Birahugham.

Resignations
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The Rev A. R. J. Liddon, Vicar of Casignovo with Berrick Salome and Nawington, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev A. J. Mortimer, Vicar of St John's, Little Thurrock, diocese of Chamsford, on July 51.

Canon G. R. Sansbury, Vicar of Grantham, diocese of Lincoln, an Mag Si.

The Roy E. Siddall, priest-in-charge of Thrussington, diocese of Loicester, Canon F. B. Yarkor, Vicar of St Laurance in-Thenet with Manston, on October 5.

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Mr R. C. E. Walker and Miss S. M. MacRobert

The engagement is announced heliveen Robert Charles Edwin, haween Robert Charles Edwin, son of Mr and Mrs George Walker. of 1 Water Street, Gertrave, North Yorkshire, formerly of Coldstream, Berwickshire, and Susan Mary, daughter of Mr and Airs 1. C. T. Mc Lobert, of The Old House, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

of flowers in her hair. She carried a bouquet of freesias, orchids and hyacinth buds. Brett and Christonyacinm buds. Brett and Curisto-plier Ringsell and the Hon Mrs Martin Ringsell (sister of the bridegroom) attended her. The Hon John Jervis (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. A reception was held at Hotel l'Horizon, St Brelades, and the

honeymoon will be spent touring

the Continent. Mr C. A. R. Brown and Miss M. M. Rennie

Coats which took place at 1 James's. Piccadilly, yesterday. Canon L. R. Skipper officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Anne Scymour, Lady Louise FitzRoy, Kate Scarlett, Michael James Campbell and and Miss M. M. Rennie
The marriage took place quietly
on Saturday, February S. in Bury,
between Mr Charles Alexander
Russell Brown, elder son of Dr
and Mrs George Russell Brown, of
Tinto Bank, Kirkcaldy, and Miss
Margaret Marion Rennic, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian F.
Reunie, of Ronalds Road, Kloof,
South Africa. Hay was best man.

A reception was held at St James's Palace and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. The marriage took place at St Ouen's parish church, Jersey, Channel Islands, yesterday, between the Bon Edward Robert

Dr I. Hollingshead and Dr M. Farquiarson

and Dr M. Farquisarson
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 5, 1977, at the Kirk
of the Greyfriars, Edinburgh,
between Dr John Hollingshead,
son of the late John H. Hollingshead and of Mrs F. M. Hollingshead, and Dr Margaret Farquharson, elder daughter of the late
Eric L. Farquharson and of Mrs
E. Farquharson. The Rev J. D.
Trotter officiated. The Rev P. G. K. Bianton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream silk and a garland Trotter officiated.

Latest wills Professor's Ryle's gift to college

Professor Gilbert Ryle, of Islip, Oxfordshire, Waynfiete Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy at Oxford from 1945-68, left £52,119 net. After personal bequests he left the residue to Hertford College, Oxford.
Other estates include (net, before duty naid: duty not disclosed):

other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Debess y Marin, Mrs Jane Elizabeth, of Cheam, Surrey £206,208
Owen, Mr Arbur Lloyd Owen, Machyulleth, Powys £145,138
Peyton, Mrs Joyce Mary, of Mold, Clwyd £115,203

Wycombe Abbey School

The Wycombe Abbey Open Scholarship has been awarded to Kathryn Fogg (Arnold Lodge School). The William Johnston Yapp Scholarships have been awarded to Sarah Vickers (Wycombe Abbey and Cheswycks School) and Cathryn Siddle (Wycombe Abbey and Sibton Park School). The Crosthwaite Scholarship has been awarded to Isobel Bowler (Godstowe School). The Walpole Scholarship has been

Bowler (Godstowe School). The Walpole Scholarship has been awarded to Iona Joy (Rookesbury Park). The Whitelaw Scholarship for Music has been awarded to Laura Habgood (Wycombe Abbey and Durham High School).

Exhibitions have been awarded to: Heather Fairbairn (Godstowe School), Tessa Cottell (Rookesbury Park), Stephanie Highett (Wycombe Abbey and Frances Holland School), Alison Ironside-Smith (Rookesbury Park), Belinda Markham (Godstowe School).

A preliminary examination of

deaths from leukaemia-type conditions among workers at the nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Wind-

scale, Combria, between 1950 and

1974, shows that they "cannot be considered abnormal". That emerges from the first of series of investigations into the pattern of cancers among workers

in the nuclear industry and among

others exposed to radiation in revearch, and medical and indus-trial radiography.

The report was published by Dr G. W. Dolphin, assistant direc-tor for research and development of the National Radiological Pro-

tection Board at Earwell. It raises more questions than it answers. For it shows that the

same leukaemia-type diseases are

increasing in other groups not ex-posed to radiation.

League of Friends of the Italian

The League of Friends of the Italian Hospital held their annual dinner and dance, in aid of the Italian Hospital, Queen Square, at Grossenor House, yesterday even-ing. Lord Thorneycroft was the guest of honour and Lady Thorney-croft, president of the league, was chairman of the ball. The guests included :

The Italian Ambassador and Signora Ducti. Signor and Signora B. Paulini. the Consul General of Buly and Signora Minus. the Mayor and Mayoress of Canden. Mr and Mrs P. Del Gludder. Mr and Mrs P. Del Gludder. Mr and Mrs P. Del Gludder Signora Frankin.

Commodore J. A. B. Harrison is to be promoted surgeon rear-admiral and to be Medical Officer-in-Charge and Dean of Naval Medicine at the Institute of Naval Medicine from March 30, in suc-cession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral Rawlins.

Vice-Admiral R. D. Lygo has been promoted admiral, in a racancy.

The Earl of Bessborough and Dr Gunter Schuster to be members of the advisory committee of the Science Policy Foundation. Sir Derek Dodson has been appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey in succession to Sir Horace Phillips, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service at the end of May.

Other appointments include: Sir George Bishop to be chairman of the council of the Overseas Develorment Institute, in succession to Lord Secbelam.

Science report

Medicine: Cancer in industry

Dr Dolphin said: "The investi-

gation answers an immediate ques-tion of whether or not an exces-sive number of people have died. The pattern cannot be considered abnormal. But this analysis has

many limitations and it does not prove that they [workers at Wind-scale] are at a higher or lower risk. That might emerge from the

more detailed survey started by British Nuclear Fuels, which is intent on analysing all the records."

His report considers 13 deaths, four were from leukaemia, four from myeloma, four were classi-

fied as lymphosurcoma, and one

as Hodgkin's disease. They were considered in terms of the age-

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Professor N. H. March, BSc, PhD
(London), professor of theoretical
solid state physics, Imperial College, London, has been elected
to the Coulson Professorship of
Theoretical Chemistry.
Awards:

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CHRIST CHURCH: Mr. S. E. Broome,
cananging director. Stafford Hutel, Lendon, has been elected to the acting
stawardship of the house from August
1 and to the stawardship from Pugust
1, 1978, he will succeed Mr. E. M.
James, who have been steward since
1962 and is retiring.

The following honorary degrees will be conferred on July 14, 15

LLD: Mrs Joyce Cadbury, former member of university council; Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy; Mr Gordon McLachian, secretary. Natherical Provincial Hospitals Trust; Mr Bernard Scott, Chalman, Joseph Licas Individues.

Diliti: Professor Francois Crouzet, pro-icacor of Northern European history. Sorbonne: Signor Eduardo de Filippo, playwright, actor and producer; Mr

Birmingham

University news

Cinque Ports The Deputy Constable of Dover Castle, Colonel al. A. Atherton. and Mrs Atherton entertained the Barons of the Cinque Ports and their ladies at dinner in Diver Castle last night. The other guests included the Speaker of the Cinque Ports and Mrs Hod son, the High Sheriff of Kent and Mrs Doubleday, and the Chaplain to the Lord Warden, the Blahop of Dover.

Coningsby Club

Dinners

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Sir Frederick Warner

Sir Frederick Warner, Chairman

of the Process Plant Working Party of NEDO, was the principal guest at the British Industrial successfully a Control Asperatus Manufacturers' Association's

Manufacturers' Association's (BIMCAM) annual lunction held

resteriay at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street. Mr John Lugiers, Chief Executive of the George Kent Group Ltd. the association's president, was in the chair.

The Coningsby Club entertained Sir Keith Joseph, hiP, at dinner at the Corlton Club last night. Mr Roger Evans was in the chair.

Hunterian Society The annual dinner of the Hun-terian Society took place at the Saroy Hotel yesterday evening. Mr Henry Thompson, president, was in the chair, and the principal guests included Lord Todd and Mr Justice Eveleigh.

Royal Aeronautical Society

The Sir Sydney Camm memorial dinner was held at the Royal Aeronautical Society yesterdry after the fourth Sir Sydney Camm memorial lecture. The lecture Air power and the channing scene, was given by Air Vice-Marshals J. A. Gilbert and J. M. Nicholts. Air Chief-Marshal Sir Neil Cameroscopic on behalf of the Cameroscopic on the held of the change of th Cameron spoke on behalf of the

Tailow Chandlers Company The Tallow Chandlers Company held a livery dinner at their hall last night at which the Master, Mr R. T. D. Wilmot, presided. Mr Rs. T. D. Wilmot, presided. Mr Waiter R. Stevens, Dr Gordon Simpson, Master of the Grocers' Company, and Alderman Sir Bugh Wontner, Master of the Clock-makers' Company, also spoke.

Museum staff disbanded to reduce costs

By Kenneth Gosling

By Remein Gosing
Arts Reporter
The department of regional services at the Victoria and Albert
Museum is to be dishanded, hirs
Williams. Secretary of State
for Education and Science,
announced yesterday in a written
answer to Mr George Strauss,
Labour MP for Lambeth, Vauxball. That will not, however, mean

the abandonment of services to local museums and educational

local museums and educational institutions; the museum will continue to circulate about nine tenths of the material that is at present made available.

The disbanding of the department, one of the oldest museum services in the country, was proposed last year by Dr Roy Strong. Director of the V and A. as a way of making staff cuts without affecting the main work of the museum. Because of the need to reduce the number of civil servants, the museum will lose 81 posts.

posts.

Mrs Williams said she hoped
the loss would be made good by
a scheme that Lord Donaldson of Latest appointments

Surgeon Rear-Admiral J. S. P.
Rawlins has been appointed Medical Director General of the Royal
Navy, in the acting rank of surgeon vice-admiral, from March 30, in succession to Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt. Surgeon Commodore I. A. B. Harrison is proparing a scheme that Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, minister responsible for the arts, is preparing. Under that, subject to appropriate safeguards, the Government would be able to give indemnities on loans to selected museums, enabling not only the V and A but any of the national collections to make objects available without requiring payment of insurance. payment of insurance. 'No cuts": Lord Donaldson said

in reply to a question in the Lords by Lady Lee of Asheridge that he was confident that sufficient resources would be available to maintain the level of government support for the Arts Council in

Queen's walk on Jubilee Day

The Queen is to walk through the streets of London from St Paul's Cathedral to Guildhall on Jubilee Day, June 7, the City Corporation announced yesterday.

announced yesterday.

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh will drive from Buckingham Palace to St Paul's in the state coach for a service of thanks. giving at 11.30 am, then walk to Guildhall for luncheon.

tection Board).

Surrey

David Garnett, novellst and publisher. DSC: Professor Wilfrid Lowis, professor of science, Queen's University, King-ston, Ontario,

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J. E. Bailey.
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2.1.745 from Science Research Council; 6-4302110n and development of surface electron spectroscopy, etc. under Dr J. Castle.

2.1.5.497 from Cancer Research Campaint: cytotoxic drups in treatment of malignant diseases, Professor V. Maries.

2.1.2.559 from Medical Research Council: investigation of mechanism of drug methabolism engages induction, under Dr J. W. Bridges.

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EVI.1.296 from Transport and Road Research Laboratory: methods of intersearch Laboratory: methods of intersearch Laboratory: methods of intersearch Laboratory: methods of intersearch Laboratory: methods of read proposals, under Professor T. R. Loe and Mr P. Springer.

EVI.18.650 from Loverhulmo Trust; face and lip movements in the perception and understanding of humap speech, under Dr H. McGürk.

EVI. 2026 from Department of Health and Social Security: effects of changes in structure of general medical and dental services, under Miss Sara Arbor.

Mr Bennie Abrahams, a Newcastle-upon-Tyne and construction at that period.

councillor, showing his MDE insignia to his Although this conclusion had mother, Mrs Annie Abrahams, aged 102, after a ported when other aircraft from Buckingham Palace investiture yesterday.

Accent on the unusual in £142,579 silver sale among scrolling follage at 13.600

By Geraldine Norman Sule Room Correspondent The accent was on the unusual at Sotheby's silver sale yearerdey. The top price was £11.520 (estiat Sotheby's silver sale yearcrday. The top price was \$11.520 (estimate \$3,000 to \$6,000) paid by Heffernan and Joacs for a set of four Paul Storr sait cellers of 1832 weighing \$402. Each is naturalistically modelled as a clam shell with a gift interior. The shells rest on the wills of two tritons supported by an oval base of crosted wayes.

two fritons supported by an oval base of crested waves. Among the other expensive pieces the English silver generally sold on or below estimate, the foreign silver well above estimate. Then there were the oddities. A 2502 Norwegian silver-gilt brical recover the divisions formed as crown, the divisions formed as leaves and ornamented with pearls and paste made \$1.500 (estimate \$500 to \$700). It was the work of Hans Jorgan Blytt, of Bergen, and dated 1944.

A pair of silver spurs made in London and dated 1729 brought \$1,050 (estimate \$350 to \$450). They appear to be very early examplest most sours that have They appear to be very early examples: most spurs that have survived date from the latt eighteenth or nineteenth centuries.

Among the top prices in the sale was a 10702 Paul Storr ink-stand of 1803 at 54.000 (estimate £2,500 to 53,500), to Koopman, and a 5102 Charles II cub and cover, the outer sleeve pierced and chased with cherubs and birds

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\£50,000 fund to buy works of art for Scotland By Our Arts Reporter

time sections, with an Italian pictra-dura (abinct on stand moseld of \$1,400 securate \$1,500 to \$1,800). A 151in broate by Sir Alfred Gil-bert, exhibited at the Royal Aca-demy in 1892 and depicting "Comedy and Tragedy", a youth wearing the mask of tragedy and hinding that of comedy away from him, made \$3,000 (estimate \$1,000) to \$1,500).

Other bronze prices ran bayond

expectations. A Russian bronze group of a Cossack soldier, astride his used borse, fetched 52.500 (estimate 5500 to 51.200), a P. J.

lione receivorse and jockey, 51,400 testimate £360 to £1,200)

to \$1.500).

A 550,000 fund to be devoted solely to the purchase of works Disabled war pensioners are being urged not to change their present of art for Scottish galleries and museums has been established by ances of £140 a year for the taxable mobility allowance of the National Art-Collections Fund. It will be built up by gifts and £260 a year. The small financial legacies.

advantage involved may be tem-Although help for purchases by porary and might lead to dis-Scuttish institutions will not be advantages in their other allow-ances, according to Mr Charles Dunham, general secretary of the limited to money available from British Limbless Ex-Service Men's to contribute in due course to donations made to museums and

Association.

The possibility of transferring was taised in a letter sent to all pensioners' vehicle service by Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services. The letter was one of a series advising disabled people of the implications of the Government's decision to phase out invalid tricycles in favour of the mobility allowance.

To contribute in due donations made to me galleries in Scotland.

The national fund making such donation in 1903, announced yesterday.

55.000 towards the part of a silver-gilt made for Napoleon out invalid tricycles in favour of the mobility allowance. The national fund has been The national tung dos been making such donations since its foundation in 1903. The latest, announced yesterday, is a gift of 55,000 towards the purchase by the Royal Scottish Museum of part of a silver-gilt table service made for Vanaleon I on the made for Napoleon I on the occasion of his marriage to Marie-Louise in 1810. It is described as the museum's most important silver acquisition for more than twenty years.

the mobility allowance.

Mr Ennals told the 3,900 disabled war pensioners receiving private car allowances that they would be able to change to the The set, first purchased in 1830 by the tenth Duke of Hamilton, mobility allowance when the necessary legislation was enacted. Mr Dunham sees that as dangling "financial bait" to induce them to take on a social services benefit rather than one designed specifically for themselves. was bought for the museum by private treaty sale for \$40,000 from Hamilton and Kinnell Estates Ltd. It includes a punch bowl, sugar basin, salt cellars, toast racks, 12 plates and 149 pieces of specifically for themselves.

After tax the mobility-allowance would be worth an extra £29 a year to disabled war pensioners paving standard-rate tax, but higher-rate taxpayers would be worse off. The mobility allowance is due however to be increased. cutiery, all bearing the imperial arms or other emblems. The rest of the service, including the tea urn and tea pots, is in the Louvre. The museum's last important acquisition of this kind, also French, was purchased in 1954; it was the seventeenth-century Lennoxlove toilet service. is due, however, to be increased in November, when it is expected to go up to about £360 a year gross.

Mr Sergei Vladimirovich Hyushin, the well-known Russian aircraft designer, has died at the age of 82. Although he spent much of his youth in organizations and educational establishments which had close military associations, Sergei Vladimirovich Ilyushin's claim to a place in aviation history rests largely upon his success

MR SERGEI ILYUSHIN

Soviet aircraft designer

in designing a hard working, rather conventional passenger airliner. His name was first impressed upon the layman in this country when one of his twoengined aeroplanes flew to Northolt on September 12, 1949, and became, it was said, the first Russian aircraft to visit Eritain after the war. It attracted the attention of encineers and was taken by many as a sample not only of llyushin's work, but also as acceptable payload being typical of Soviet design out any feature we

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Although this conclusion had the same drawing office came into service with Aenoflot, it was, probably, incorrect to in-fer that Ilyushin was no more but also with the than a careful but limited follower of a national aeronantical formula. In some of his military designs he had revealed an in-dependent streak which could be taken as indicating some-thing of his character. His seating capacity refinite Sector to \$5,000, to Sector The sale totalled \$142.575 with 2 per cent unsuid. II-2 armoured close support vir-craft of the Second World War was one instance and it played a valuable role as a tactical homber and ground attack air-Someony's also held a sale of musical instruments totalling: 555, via. with 4 per care unside. A violan by Giovanni Gracino of Milan, dated 655, sold for \$1,200 testione \$5,000 to \$5,000 to \$6,000 craft on the Eastern Front. There was also the more notable jet-driven II-20 bomber of 1948 which he what was then an unusual playform, with the wines see far back along the fuselase.

of Departitionals in Venice in 1912, bringly \$2,100 (estimate \$550 to \$1,250). The II-18 arliner, however, the Engineering an for which Hyushin is best Service. He receive remembered and which won of Leoin several tir At Unristie's a sale of nineteenth-entury furniture and topects of art totaled 563.9%, with 15 per cent unsold. The fellures came mainly in the farniture section, with an Italian pietra-

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MR EDVARD HAMBRO

A. E. writes:

Your obituary of Edvard Hambro omits some important aspects of the life of a Norwegian who since the war has been prominents in the world of the United Nations and international lawyers, above all, it does not mention that we lost staunch and steadfast friend of this country to which he was linked by his charming wife El sabeth, who comes from Cambridge, and is, by descent, related to Charles Darwin, Gwen Raverat and Frances Cornford.

I met him in wartime Lon-don where he served his country's government in exile. "Eddi" and Elisabeth soon became our friends. When I re-turned from abroad in 1945, to my surprise and delight I was appointed to work as his "asociate" in the United Nations Interim Secretariat in which he headed the legal service. It was then that I came to know the strength of his faith in international organization and the rule of law. Never a dreamer, never uncritical, he was firm, Charter and the and could be very blunt in his digest of the judgm condemnation of intolerance and discrimination. We parted company in 1946

when he became the first Reg- of the Poyal Order istrur of the International Court and received the Un of Justice. However, over the Peace Medal.

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PROFESSOR E. M. CARUS-WIL

The Principal of Westfield sures the continuit College writes:

To all of us here who feel so bereft, Nora Carus-Wilson seemed a unique embodiment of Westfield's traditions and osity of her Christia aspirations. In the 1830's her her devotion to the maternal grandfather was one a residential com of the four original Trustees; scholars, and the el her parents brought together skill with which she my first predecessor and our our affairs. At t first great benefactress; and seventy-nine, she was her mother taught here. Nora ingly at the heigherself was a student in 1918-powers and it was herself was a student in 1918-21; the college's Jubilee his-torian in 1932; and since 1974 the President of the association of former students. Her greatniece gradusted from the col-lege last year and by marrying another Westfield student, en-

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Anti-vandalism studies among Churchill awards

The study was requested urgently last year after suggestions that deaths among Windscale workers were abnormally high from those causes.

The expected and observed mortality among male workers at Windscale. The staff changed from 1,500 in 1950 to a peak of 4,500 in 1962, reducing to 3,266 in 1974. The expected and observed mortality among male workers at The expected and observed mortality among male workers at Windscale for that period of 25 years was considered in the context of mortality expected among the male working population overall. In the more detailed survey planned by British Nuclear Fuels the intention is to examine the records of all workers past and present. The whereabouts of many are unknown.

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor Source: A Comparison of the Observed and Expected Cancers of the Haemstownie's and Lynnhaus Systems among Workers at Windscale (National Radiological Pro-

Salford
Professor T. A. Villiers, BSc (Manc), PhD (Lond), head of the department of biological sciences, Natal University, has been appointed professor of biology from August 1.

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power is not effectively constrained by market forces or by regulation as Congress hoped. Indeed, the evidence shows that current regulation may well have promoted, may well have promoted, rather than hindered, carteliza-

tion of the industry.' Sweering changes in United States maritime law are urged. A fully competitive environment, the report says, could produce a more efficient in-dustry that could offer lower

It maintains that there is no validity to the argument made by the shipping conferences competitive system would produce ruinous compe-tition and monopoly power for a few strong companies.

A competitive system will produce a more balanced overell situation with supply and demand being much closer together than is possible under the conference system, the report continues.

ulation has been shown to entition and to discourage cost. reduction, thereby substantially raising the cost of shipping services.

believe that the Department of Justice is aiming to show that wide abuse of conference regulations has taken place and that this possible result of the grand jury investigation, taken together with the report, will prompt the Administration to make a redical review of maniitime legislation and smash the conference system.

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yland stewards plan mass pay

agrees with the conclusions of the report and says it has no

have engaged in illegal acts. The report points out that independent liners, which are not members of conferences or rate agreements, "do not bave nov significant restraining imon the exercise of conference power"

It says rivalry between the different shipping conferences also fails to restrain the monopolies of the conferences because of collusion.

New entrants to the shipping business are said to have little chance of surviving outside of the conference network because duct differential, dual rate cou tracts, the threat of predation (the practice of selling below cost to destroy competition), cargo preference laws, bilateralism and route subsidies ".

The Department of Justice's task force claims that it has a vast amount of evidence to show that the shipping conferences raise rates above freely competitive levels. This means higher product costs for consumers, a clearly depressing effect on world trade and a definite discouragement to those shippers who may wish to become more competitive through technical innovations.

It concludes that one way of improving the situation would be to disband the present system that permits the existence of conferences and make ship-ping companies "the subject of both the common law of It would appear that the Bri- common carriers and the anti-

Beer: Minister orders price inquiry

Beer prices are being referred to the Price Commission. Mr Hattersley, Secretary of

State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said yesterday in a written Commons reply that because of the "high level of public concern" he was asking the Commission to examine "the Commission to examine
"the prices and margins in the
manufacture and distribution
in the United Kingdom of beer
sold by retail for consumption on-licensed premises "in order to establish the facts.

Effectively the reference covers all beer sales except

those in supermarkets, grocers and off-licences and some clubs. Mr Hattersley was at pains to point out, however, that by making the reference he was not prejudging the issue. There was no presumption, he said, that "prices are not justified or that there is evidence of

profiteering".
The brewing industry was

Britain may be asked to re-

strict its exports of Scotch whisky to Japan, its second lar-gest market, in the face of the growing number of curbs against Japanese business acti-

vities in Europe, the Japanese

The warning, delivered only five days after Europe imposed

a 20 per cent anti-dumping charge on Japanese bearings, gave official credence to

reports that Japan's powerful

Domestic Association of Dis-tillers is using the EEC-Japan trade confrontation as an argu-

ment to wage a "war" against

European diplomats who are attempting to persuade Japan

Mergers in

overnment hinted today

From Peter Hazelhurst

Tokyo, Feb 10

scotch imports.

last night incensed. There was speculation that Mr Hattersley had won his battle in the Cabinet to make the reference, because there is a need to be seen to be acting on sensitive prices when the unions are less than keen on negotiating a further round of wage restraint. What really annoyed brewers

was that by Questioning their prices and profits, Mr Hatters-ley could be jeopardizing plans designed to cooperate with the Government's job creation strategy. The Government acknowledges this has to be based on profitability.

Mr Peter Balfour, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle, which is expected to announce plans soon for a new brewery in south Tyneside, said last night that if as a result of the Commission's report there were to be restrictions on profits or prices which reduced his company's cash flow, it " would have

to take drastic steps to redress

its lopsided trade balance

described the threat as a "bolt

Hitting back at Europe's new strictures against Japanese car sales in Britain, Mr Hirosuke

Dan, director general of the Customs and Tariff Bureau of

the Japanese Finance Ministry, pointed out that the volume of

imported bottled scotch in-creased seven-fold between

Setting out his views in a column, "My advice to our friends in the EEC" in the Mainichi Daily News this morning, Mr Dan went on to

"Bottled Scotch whisky now

accounts for 8 per cent of the whisky market in Japan. Since

Britain will be able to draw

to deal with the sterling bal-

ances only if its reserves are

less than \$6,750m, Mr Healey

Giving details of the Basle

scheme which came into action

last Tuesday, the Chancellor said in a written parliamentary

reply that the United Kingdom

would be able to draw on the

\$3,000m fund set up by central

level of official holdings of ster-ling balances fell below £2,165m

which was the figure at which

they stood on December 8. 1976.

But the limit on the level of

reserves which emerged during

the governors' meeting on Mon-day, would almost certainly mean that the United Kingdom

would not be able to draw on

the facility at present. At the end of January the reserves stood at \$7,196m.

The terms of the Basle agree-

ment do, however, provide for

Britain to make borrowings even

when its reserves are above the

\$6,750m in certain circumstances, notably when the reserve level has been boosted by

public sector foreign currency

"safety net" arranged

1971 and 1975.

By David Blake

stated yesterday.

Whisky: Japan hints at retaliation to curbs

Safety net withheld if

reserves top \$6,750m

eries, which last month an-nounced a £164m investment programme, said that "per the outcome of the inquiry group had no intention of re-viewing its plans. The reference would create a period of uncertainty for the industry, he added.

The Brewers' Society said Mr Hattersley's reference to the Commission was a "needless; time-wasting exercise" which would call into question the whole of the Government's "so-called industrial strategy". All brewers were convinced that the Commission's report would

vindicate them.
It added that the industry's pre-tax profits were below the levels of five years ago, and taken into account the return on capital was less than the average for British industry as

because they account for the 9 per cent of new registrations

in Britain it may be time that Japan asked Britain to hold

make these noises every year

but I never thought that a government official would back

these views up as an apparent threat at this delicate stage."

In recent weeks the Japan Foreign Liquor Distillers Association has attacked EEC demands for a reduction in

duties on imported whisky as a

means of redressing the imba-

lances in trade.

Local distillers claim that

tion for the countries which

have put up the money to help Britain than a real threat to the workability of the "safety net"

scheme if it were tested.

Any rundown of sterling

balances would almost certainly result in Britain's reserves be-

allow a drawing from the fund.

that after the first year of the

scheme, only 75 per cent of the

rundown in sterling balances

can be matched by drawings from the "safety net" fund.

The right to make a drawing

can be rolled over from one month to another.

United States dollars, will bear interest at market-related rates, and will be made public at the

tame of monthly reserve figures.

Any sales of foreign currency bonds will be deducted from

the £2,165m figure in deciding

whether Britain can draw on the fund. So the actual trigger point is likely to be somewhat lower than that figure, if foreign holders decide to buy

the bonds.
Details of these bonds will be

announced later; but it now seems likely that they will be issued at a fixed rate of interest

Drawings will be made in

The agreement also specifies

West European diplomat "The domestic distillers

down its Scotch exports.

to reconsider its investment a whole. Last year, the society said, brewers profit margins were the lowest for five years. The industry was seeking to invest an average of £300m a year in each of the next three years, the society added.
Brewers were thoroughly tired of being subject to official inquiries, it said. In the past decade the Prices and Incomes Board, the Monopolies Commis sion, the Erroll committee and Blennerhassett committee all examined various aspects of the industry. At pres ent the Price Commission was investigating prices of soft drink "mixers" sold in pubs

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Mr Hattersley has asked the Commission to report by July 31 the date on which the legis-lation under which the Commission is constituted expires. He is also expected to make mission during the next couple of weeks for examination dur-

increased penetration of the

Japanese market since 1971 had occurred largely because it

was only then that a quota system designed to aid the domestic Japanese industry

recover from the effects of the war was abolished. The asso-ciation would like the Japanese

to dismantle what are regarded

discriminatory

Colgate to

By Our Financial Staff

buy Terry's

Trust Houses Forte plans to

sell its chocolate manufacturing

business, Joseph Terry & Sons,

to the American Colgate Palm-

olive group for about £17.5m in cash.

For Colgate Palmolive, which

tended for personal care, laundry and cleaning, sports

ing the same period, one of which will concern paint prices.

The BoT is, however, criticized for its "unsatisfactory" handling of the third case, that of Castle Life Assurance, Castle. Britain voluntarily to curb car higher than the duties levied exports to the United Kingdom on imported scotch because they account for the contract of the co Scotch Whisky Association said last night that it had been examining for some time the growing pressure within Japan for retaliatory action against whisky. It pointed out that the

proper person.

Castle's architect, an actuary and for long a respected figure in the insurance industry, complained that the Department's action in declaring him to be 'not a fit and proper person --unjustified and exces-Although Sir Idwal rejects further complaints that a Department official showed personal prejudice against the actuary, and that the DoT deli-berately delayed consideration

evidence. . Accordingly, Sir Idwal has called for a further full minis-terial review of the case.

Based at York, Terry, whose leading brand is All Gold, was acquired by Forte in 1963, and is still the only manufacturing company within the THF group. Last year, against a poor trading background for choco-lete makers because of the hot weather, Terry earned profits of £2m, on sales of £22m. is described as "one of the world's leading producers and distributors of products inand leisure activities and health care", this appears to be the first venture into confectionery manufacture. It says it will maintain Terry as a self-con-

tained unit. The importance of this deal for THF has to be seen in the context of its agreement to buy the substantial J. Lyons hotel interests for £27.5m on deferred payment terms, details of which are expected to be disclosed which is apropriate. next week.

Clearly, THF's decision to part with Terry is bound up with its need to fund the Lyons hotel purchase scheme.

Selby contract

The National Coal Board has awarded a contract for the sinking of the first pair of shafts in the Selby coalfield develop-ment to Cementation Mining, part of the Trafalgar House group. No figure has been dis-closed.

Ombudsman gives 'fit and proper verdict

The 120-man team at the Department of Trade's insurance division has a delicate task administering the wideranging powers of supervision provided for under the Insurance Companies Acts. It has to protect the public from the unscruputions while at the same time. lous, while at the same time ebserving the rights of indivi-duals. The problem of reconciling these two aspects of its powers are recognized in the Parliamentary Commissioner's annual report for 1976.

Sir Idwal Pugh, the Ombuds-man, carried out three investigations of complaints about the exercise of the DoT's powers under the insurance companies legislation last year. In two cases, that of Nation Life Insurance and of a small mutual insurance association, Sir Idwal concluded that the Department

incorporated in 1971 and authorized to trade as a life. office in September 1973, became the first company ordered to stop taking new busiordered to stop taking acre ness under sections of the Companies Acts Insurance Companies Acts restricting groups whose controller has been judged by the DoT not to be a "fit and.

of Castle's application for authorization, he does criticize certain aspects of the DoT's treatment of the affair.

The Commissioner recognized that the case has already been reviewed. But he feels that " the reconsideration itself was not satisfactory. Not only was the same advice which I have criticized given by the same officiels but it was accompanied by subjective judgments backed by no convincing

Control of Castle, renamed Igal in December, 1974, has since passed to Mr Joseph Kaplan who, coincidently, is taking his fight against a DoT judgment that he is not a. "fit and proper person" to the European Commission of Human Rights this March Mr Kaplan, who has described the DoT's behaviour in his case as a "vendetta", has focused criticism on the Department's powers, criticism echoed by Sir Keith Joseph who has said that "where such arbitrary power is given there is a special need to use it in a totally defensible Wav

In his report Sir Idwal quotes the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Trade in 1973 saying "I hope I have shown that applications are never treated lightly or capriciously, but rather with all the seriousness

A measure of this seriousness is shown by the fact that the DoT, which received 1,700 applications for authorization last year, has referred less than 100 cases for detailed investi-gation since 1967. In this group 52 applicants were eventually accepted; 26 withdrew; 12 were refused authorization and in only nine cases covering just six companies was authorization revokeď.

John Brennan

"The present system of regent of Justice in this American offi-

American shipping experts

first factory visit by the tripar-tite committee of government officials, motor chiefs and union leaders which was set up by Mr Varley last year to

stewards will assemble in the Longbridge exhibition hall to hear a pep talk by Mr Varley. Afterwards there will be an open discussion involving Mr Alex Park, British Leyland's chief enecurive, and Mr Derek Whittaker, menaging director of Leyland Cars. The meeting

organized by Leyland Cars Mir Varley: Hot reception iont management council—the participation machinery. But in an attempt to involve all sections of the workforce the council has also invited about 100 shop stewards from factories who have opted out

Varley. Shop stewards have promised "a hot reception".

One of them said: "The lads feel very strongly about this issue and they are not going to he folbed off with a paper of participation. They include Rover (Solibull), Triumph and

k Jones, of the trans-rkers and Mr Hugh Will there be trouble? the engineering "Things may get a little Juguar (Coventry). are accompanying Mr

promised for him.

ineering union leaders resigned to d year without national pay deal

Nonhern Industrial

leaders representing 2,500,000 engineering appear to be resigned act that for the third ming they are unlikely able to negotiate a agreement on pay and

dly, the Confederation pullding and Engineerms would expect to get the from its annual con-early in the summer ew pay and conditions to be submitted to the ting Employers' on on behalf of its 19 ent unions. ver, while the social

has been in operation, allable pay rises have ken up in company and

After the meeting of the during periods of pay restraint during executive of the confederation in York vesterday, for Jack Service, the confederation's general secretary, said: "Within the limits that have been laid down the local bareauting arccadures have employers over the way in

have to apply cgain."
In normal times the function ing team has been to secure industry-wide improvements in basic rates and conditions of employment throughout the in-

with different terminal dates—wide demands at national level.

After the meeting of the during periods of pay restraint

bargaining procedures have employers over the way in operated well, and it looks as which it is proposing to apply if that machinery is going to the pay increases that are now In normal times the function tract to some workers in the of the confederation's negotiat-

In a statement sent to the confederation executive, the employers said that they are intending to pay only a proporemployment throughout the industry's 5,000 or so companies,
and then to leave it to company and plant level negotiators to tackle their own managements on actual pay rates.

The outcome is a proliferation of separate pay deals—oil intending to pay only a proportion of the permitted pay
rises—ranging from £2.50 to £4
a week—to employee, working
less than a 40-hour week, and
to those apprentices who are
paid an agreed percentage of
the full craftsman's rate.

power sector nonstration for Varley visit opposed hectic but there will be no real By R. W. Shakespeare

Engineering union leaders have told the Government that they will firmly resist any mer-Officially the occasion is the gers or take overs in the power engineering sector. If merger proposals reported to be in the pipeline went ahead, "sanc-tions" would be imposed by the improve productivity.
About 600 managers and shop workers concerned.

This hard line resistance to probable reorganization of the power sector, which would involve four large companies turbine generating field, and Clarke Chapman and Babcock and Wilcox in the boilermaking and pipework sector-has already been spelled out to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for

Industry, by senior officials of the Confederation of Ship-building and Engineering Yesterday at its meeting in York, the confederation's national executive unanimously

endorsed the stand. Confederation representatives will now seek urgent meetings with senior management officials of the four companies to make the unions' views known.

After yesterday's meeting Mi After yesterday's meeting Mr
Len Edmondson, president of
the confederation, member
unions of which represent
34.000 workers in the four companies, said: "Our past experience of mergers has been that
they inevitably lead to largescale curbacks.
"These industries are legated

"These industries are located in high unemployment areas and we are determined to resist anything that will cause more jobs to be lost. There is little doubt that sanctions will be im-posed if any mergers or takeovers are proposed."

Some reports have suggested that merger plans under discussion would create two main power engineering organiza-tions through the union of GEC with Parsons and Clark Chap man with Babcock, with the National Enterprise Board hav-ing some involvement in each. Such a move, it has been esti mated, might result in 25 per cent redundancy.

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The FT index: 389.7+1.8

Mr Carter adds weight to trade expansion demand

orrowing. rather than a variable one, as The limit is more of a protecsome people had expected.

borrowing.

collaboration between industrial of Germany and Japan to reflate their economies.

In one of the first statements

spelling out the Administra-tion's atitude to international leased vesterday an article those countries who want to attributed to an "Administration official" which is believed to reflect top-level thinking in Washington about the whole range of these problems.
In it, the Administration claims that the United States

is doing its part to bring the world out of recession by its acceptance of a \$6,000m (£3,410m) current account deficit and a willingness to go on accepting a deficit for some time.

By Our Economics

Correspondent

The Carter Administration strong nations—appear to be yesterday called for closer less prepared to accept a current account deficit as a contricountries and coupled it with bution to economic recovery criticism of the unwillingness worldwide." That criticism, coupled with

a warning that not everyone can have export led growth measures the extent to which The Administration also calls

for faster progress in the present round of world trade talks in Geneva, which have stalled in the past two years. It says that the United States and Europe could be more flexible on the agricultural prob-lem which has so far held up

Effect of MLR move seen today

The Bank of England's move last week to halt the decline in short-term interest rates by suspending the normal formula for fixing its own minimum lending rate appears to be working.

When the result of this week's Treasury Bill tender is announced this afternoon, it seems likely that the average rate of allottnent—the rate that normally dictates the level of MLR—will be consistent with the present level of MLR of 12 per cent.

This at least was the indication provided by trading in the secondary market yesterday, with the price for three month bills remaining at 113-115 for most of the session.

Johnson rejects Sketchlev bid By Our Financial Staff

Johnson Group Cleaners last night rejected a £4.7m takeover bid from Sketchley, the country's other leading dry cleaning group. Johnson's board, advised by S. G. Warburg, believes that the offer is not in the best interests of its shareholders, employees or customers and advises shareholders to take no advises shareholders to take no

On news of the bid Johnson's shares rose 18p to 48p, 42p above the value of Sketchley's combined share and cash offer. Sketchley is offering nine of its own shares and 320p cash for every 20 Johnson shares. The group is also offering 80p in cash for each of Johnson's 9 per cent cumulative preference

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Arthur Lee & Sons Ltd.

Producers and Stockists of Bright Bars, Cold Rolled Strip.

RESULTS: Year ended 30th September 1976 46,997,000 42,243,000 Group Profit before Taxation 1,998,779 1.385.205 Group Profit after Taxation and 483,592 353,364 Earnings per 12 p Share Dividend per 125p Share 1.35p 1.15p

POINTS FROM THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN. Mr. H. P. FORDER

Pre-tax profit for the Group of £1,998,779 compares with £1,385,205 for the year 1975/6 an overall improvement reflecting varying fortunes in the different sections of our activities.

in the light of these figures and the currently somewhat better outlook for trading than was the case a year ago, an uplift in the dividend for the year from 1.15p to 1.35p per share is reco

The new year has on the whole started encouragingly and we are hopeful that the investments we have made in various parts of our Group in the past few years will assist us to seize whatever opportunities are presented by either a modest or a more steeply ng trade trend. A recent report from the National Economic Development Council invited our attention to the increased pressures of demand which are likely to develop progressively over the next 18 months. Whilst regarding this forecast with a due amount of caution we believe we are steadily improving our ability to react responsibly to it if it comes. With this in mind we shall indeed be disappointed if we do not achieve a noticeable improvement over the profit reported for the past two years.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, P.O. Box 54, Sheffield S9 1HU.

on members et bank onalization stopher Thomas

bers of a big white union yesterday firmly I the proposals of the Party's national execu-nationalizing insurance inking. They issued a githat a state takeover increase the country's uc problems.

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National Union of Bank yees also opposes the als, although it is not nationalization in

executive vesterday asked ional conference to welthe Eullock report on directors and urge n. But it calls for neuts with employers on eneral lines of Bullock legislation.

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Sterling dropped 13 points to \$1,7160. The "effective de diation" rate was 42.8 per cent.

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Portugal Esc 58.00
S Africa Rd 2.20
Spain Pes 121.75
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US S 1.76 Gold lost \$1 an ounce to close at Tugoslavia Dar 35.25 Reports pages 20 and 21

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Interim Statement:

Employer-union fight to keep disputes pact

By Maurice Corina A refusal by the Government to allow a joint industrial agreement on unfair dismissals to be exempted from statutory employment protection machinery has brought fierce protests from both unions and employers in the electrical contracting industry.

Acting together, the Electrical Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union and the Electrical Contractors' Association yesterday deprecated the action "in the strongest fashion". The employers and the union made their application, the first of its kind, as long ago as December, 1974, to exclude what they regard as a model disputes agreement from the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974.

Feelings are running high and a deputation went to the Department of Employment on Wednesday to reinforce their views at ministerial level.

Eight years ago the electrical contracting industry brought years of trouble to an end by establishing a Joint Industry Board for handling dis-putes, discipline, and inquiries in a rapid way, with disputes committees operating at local level and the national board handling problems with great

The industry went to the Government with the argument that it feit its procedure was superior to that conducted through industrial tribuna's and that it had produced excellent industrial relations after a most troubled history.

The problem is that the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. 1974, gives employees a statutory right to bypass that Joint Industry Eoard's procedures because of the availability of industrial tribunals and official arbitration and conciliation machinery, enhanced by the Employment Protection Act.

Because it feels that employees, unions and empioyers who at present reach amicable solutions will be forced into entagonism across the floor of a court of law", the industry board wants

Act. This allows the Government to make orders of exemption if satisfied that certain conditions are met.

Yesterday's statement combained that the Government's response bad been to raise a great number of technical and drafting points on the industry's application for exemption.

The nub of the rejection, according to the industry, was contained in a letter saying the application "cast doubt on the original thinking behind the exclusion provision ".

Employers and the union complain that while pursuing its claim for exemption, the joint board had at no time with or corresponded with any member of Government. It had now gone to the Department of Employment to ensure ministers saw there sound reasons for the application of a unique disputes procedure.

Protesting that Parliament would not have included an exemption provision if it was not intended that it would try board states: "The Secretary of State cannot decide that a part of the law is, in his view, a mental aberration by Parliament and decide that he will not, therefore, operate that part of the law."

At the same time, an application which in a small way limited the burden upon the Arbitration, Conciliation and Advisory Service and industrial tribunals ought to be given every encouragement instead of every discouragement, the board added. The avowed aim of the Trade Union Act was for industries to devalor first class procedures for avoiding disputes.

Nine years of operating the electrical contracting disputes agreement had led to a high degree of expertise and acceptability, and it was a cornerstone of the industry's excellent relations that disputes were dealt with through the insistence on all sides that labour difficulties were handled by the industry board.

Japan could raise ship prices 10pc in package deal with EEC

Export prices of Japanese-built ships are expected to rise by between 5 and 10 per cent over the next few weeks as a result of Japan's pledge to assist the beleagured European shipbuilding industry by enab-ling it to obtain a larger share of world orders.

This was the estimate made Japanese government officials vesterday in Paris after a three-day meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's working party on shipbuilding where European governments grudgingly accepted Japan's proposals.

European governments had been pressing for a 50-50 sharing of world orders for new ships—which the Japanese re-jected totally—and the Europeans agreed to the Japanese package with some reservations. The offer to increase export

DM175m state

aid for ailing

German bank

The West German federal

government has had to step in

with DM175m (about £42.4m)

of aid for the Deutsche Bau

und Boden Kank AG, a bank

specializing in housing finance in which bonn has a stake of

A spokesman for the bank said today in Frankfurt that

the cash was paid towards the

end of last year, and took the

Thanks to this "extra-ordinary item" the bank will end its 1976 profit and loss account in balance with capital

The federal payment was

Unlike most German banks,

activities to housing finance, negotiations.

INTERIM

in 1975/6.

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and reserves remaining intact.

From Peter Norman

around 67 per cent.

will be implemented shortly, although officials yesterday stressed that the eventual size of the increase would be de-cided in negotiation with Japanese shiphuilders.

Officials at the OECD conference indicated however that further price increases may be introduced if the initial in-crease proved to be insufficient to produce the hoped for diversion of orders from Japan to European yards.

The other elements of the Japanese package involve an offer to restrict ship sales to those European countries whose shipbuilding industries faced special difficulties and, if necestions in working hours at ship-yards in Japan if its share of world production rose above 50 per cent.

Mr Albert Gruebel, chairman prices for a two-year period of the working party, said after lasting until the end of next the final session that the

Strikes halt

"very positive points" and there had been agreement to proceed with discussions for as long as the crisis continued.
He stressed, however that the
two sides still remained far
apart on the possibility of sharing production, with the EEC demand for a 50-50 share still

before the committee.

The committee failed to produce a joint statement on the latest session, which had been expected, and instead the OECD secretariat was asked to draft an interim progress report for further expert study.

The report is expected to stress the need for new machinery designed to detect imbal-ances, restore normal conditions of competition and accelerate the structural adaptation of the shipbuilding industries of OECD member countries. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled to take place at the end of next

Ryder attack on CBI for 'denigrating' NEB

By Malcolm Brown Lord Ryder, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, ves-terday criticized the Confederation of Eritish Industry for denigrating the board.

"Not to put too fine a point on it, it is not very helpful to us to read in the CBI's published report, The Road to Recovery, that the NEB's interventionist powers could actively damage industry and must be repealed," Lord Ryder

The board had absolutely no compulsory powers, Lord Ryder said, while delivering the Stockton lecture at the London Business School.

"It has the power to purchase shares but only if it can persuade shareholders to sell. It has to act in accordance with the City Takeover Code. the requirements of the Stock Exchange and in consultation with the Office of Fair Trad-

it is in exactly the same post tion as any company in the private sector."

The authors of the report, he said, should have found time to talk to the NEE and dis-cover more about what it was Turning to the Bullock report

on industrial democracy Lord Ryder implied that he could not be counted on to support the majority recommendations. "Without getting into the debate on Bullock, one thing we can be sure of is this; new arrangements can only be as effective as those who participate wish them to be. If the arrangements are such that most monagers regard them as a hostile imposition, they simply will not work.

"Similarly if the arrangements appear to employees to pay only lip-service to the concept of industrial democracy. nothing will have been achieved."

Massey dispute reappraisal Warning on output of seven to be made at joint meeting Leyland models

Work on seven Leyland

models was at a standstill yesterday because of two strikes which have caused lay offs for about 11,000 workers. Latest victim yesterday was the Maxi model at Cowley, ers and management.

where 400 assembly men were sent home. Another 500 were hit at Longbridge, Birmingham, where 2,500 are now idle. The strikes are at the Castle Bromwich body plant and the Triumph factory in Coventry. Production losses are mounting

at a daily rate of more than 1,200 cars, worth more than £6m at showroom prices. Cowley threat: More than 700 toolmakers at two Leyland plants in Oxford, the car body plant at Cowley and a com-ponent plant in North Oxford,

needed to cover risks that had arisen in connexion with the bank's financing of apartment have voted to begin a strike on February 18. This was recommended by which are "universal" in character, the Bau und Boden Bank is limited by law in its the Leyland tool room commit-tee which represents 6,000 tool room workers seeking separate

Dalgety

The Group has succeeded in marginally

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These results would have been substantially

better except for three factors. Firstly, the

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high barley prices resulting from the almost

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the U.K.; secondly, the lengthy and

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Group profit before tax

Short term borrowings

Group profit after tax

Central Income and Expenses

Ordinary shareholders funds

Earnings per £1 ordinary share

Dividend per £1 ordinary share

Interest on Eurocurrency Loans

Australia

Canada.

Loan capital

New Zealand

United Kingdom

improving its first half-year's profits

Unaudited Results for the Half Year Ended 31st December 1976

union's national organizer, is

By Clifford Webb

A possible breakthrough in the strike which has closed Massey Ferguson's Coventry tractor plant for eight weeks could emerge on Monday from a meeting between union lead-

The routine meeting of the company's national joint negotiating council has been arranged for some time. But, because of the losses of more than £50m caused by the strike, both sides have agreed to review their

However, union officials were agreed yesterday that without some concession from the company, the chances of a resurn to work were slim. The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has declared the stoppage official and is giving its full backing to the 1,100 men who walked out on December totalled £23m, of which £14m was spent at Massey, and £10m

The other big union involved, the Transport and General Workers' Union, has instructed its members not to cross picket lines. Mr Moss Evans, the

expensive strike in the Californian frozen

food industry which closed our plants for

continuation of difficult trading conditions

in Australia, which, however, are now

The Group's better profit performance in

New Zealand and Canada is expected to

showing signs of slow improvement.

several weeks; and thirdly, the

R. A. Withers - Chairman.

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Note: The decline in Group profits after tax is due to a higher than normal tax charge resulting from the

Group's inability to offset losses in the USA against profits in other countries.

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legislating also chairman of the joint nego-

ticting council.
He has insisted that Massey management is guilty of a flagrant breach of the agreed disputes procedure in that it "took men off the clock" for allegedly poor performance without exhausting the disputes

procedure. Yesterday Massey Ferguson and Perkins Engines, both United Kingdom members of the Canadian-owned Massey group, announced record exports and investment during

Exports of Massey machinery, industrial and conequipment, and Perkins diesel engines reached £337m, an increase of 40 per cent over 1975. Investment totalled £23m, of which £14m

Japanese Kogyo, a Japanese car maker, said it will supply 2,000 diesel engines a year over four years to Perkins Engines group.

for Bullock

The Government would find that it had a tiger by the tail legislation on industrial demo-cracy based on their majority Bullock report, Mr John Methven, director general of the Confederation of British Industry said in London last night.

Participation and involvement Mr Methyen said. Addressing a meeting of the Institute of Pubcorridors of power. The first is the geographical distribution lic Relations he said people must be involved in decisions of its workforce-spread evenaffecting their working environly around the country. There are no "construction" seats as there are agricultural, mining

majority attempted to impose a ricid, inflexible system of board level trade union representation on companies, regardless of whether it disenfranchised nonunionists. and regardless existing arrangements. "The majority report is more

about power politics than improving employee involve-ment". Mr Methven said. He is to head a CBI team to see the Prime Minister on Tuesday to discuss the report. The CBI would be asking the

Prime Minister to avoid rigid legislation, Mr Methven said. Instead the CBI wanted to see a move towards its own pro-posals for participation agreements in companies employing over 2,000, backed up by legislation for a four-year time limit, after which an arbitrated agreement could be reached.

Union calls for world boycott of Seagram goods

Geneva, Feb 10.—The Inter-national Union of Food and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) said yesterday it had asked its 2.2 million members to boycott all products of Sea-gram Distillers because of an unresolved lockout dispute at its British Columbia plant. An IUF congress here en-

dorsed a union boycott of Seagram products already in force for several months in Canada and the United States and agreed to extend it worldwide. A resolution adopted by the congress, held last month, accused Seagram of illegally locking out employees at its British Columbia plant on February 26, 1975; and of failing to comply with orders by the British Columbia Labour Relations Board to reemploy

The resolution also said Seagram refused to negotiate in good faith.

The IUF said Seagram was

continuing to send shipments of its products to markets previously served by the British Columbia plant—Reuter.

Cecil E. Watts

Tepea BV (formerly Theal BV), the Dutch distributor of Cecil E. Warts, a British manufacturer of record cleaning appliances, was fined 15,000 units of account by the Euro-pean Commission late last year, and not 5,000 as was stated in a news agency report published in Business News on December

The fine was for enforcing absolute territorial protection and for supplying false infor-mation to the Commission when notifying it of their distribution agreement. There was no find-ing by the Commission that Watts—which was fined 10,000 units of account, or £4,166gave, or were in any way concerned in, the supplying of false information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anomaly in armed forces' pensions

Sir. I read with interest the pours millions into ailing and article by Sir Eric Sachs on inefficient industries has always Why the armed forces are losing the bureaucratic battle over indexed pensions" (January 21). I agree with and fully support the points Sir Eric made but as he dealt mainly with officers' pensions, may I point out the anomalies that also exist in the pensions of retired long-service NCOs of the Army and Roya! Air Force, and senior ratings of the Royal Navy.

I retired from the Royal Navy in 1952 as a masterat-erms (Chief Petter Officer) after 24 years' service. My pension (before tax) is £636.48 per year, whilst a senior rating who retires now, receives £1.376 per year. Sir Eric suggests, and I agree

with him, that the "parity link is the fairest method of assessing pensions, this would ive those who retired in the 1960s and 50s the same pension as those that retire at present, in the same rank. This would dispose of the 1971 Acr and retail prices index link, as pensions would then keep pace with those awarded each year. I do not oppose the pensions awarded to the present-day members of the armed forces: indeed. I think these are still inadequate, but I would like to repeat a phrase of the present Government, equal opportual-ties for all. I hope the facts presented by Sir Eric have some errect, but I am pessimistic, as for many years we have pressed governments change the system, without suc-

of a united voice

Sir, The letter from Sir Hugh

Wilson and presidents of the

main professional institutes

concerned with the built

about the effects on the con-

struction industry of the

recent cuts in public sector

capital spanding, is welcome if

But to those of us who nor-

mally work directly in, or in-

directly for, the construction industry (2.250,000 represent-

ng nearly 10 per cent of the

total United Kingdom working

population) surely the most significant foct in the letter

was the passage which pointed

out that the industry and its

professions "are fragmented and council adopt a militant stance against the loss of

Why not? I suggest there

are two reasons why the world

of construction does not have

or car manufacturing consti-tuencies waiting to be swung

at the crop of an electoral

Sir Hugh and the rest of us

political consequence of our

mootence is that government

millions of pounds into Chrysler's to prevent the risk

of 20,000 being made redun-

dant, but is not minded to raise a finger to help more

than ten times that number of

The second reason is our in-

ability to sneak out clearly with once voice. Our influence

upon Whitehall and Westmins-

construction workers who are

already unemployed.

prepared to pour hundreds of

promise of threat.

somewhat overdue.

From Mr Sydney Chapman

Construction industry in need

high. ALFRED J. CUTLER, 10 Lamerton Close West Park. Plymouth PL5 3RU. Deven. February 7. From Mr H. F. T. Allaway

Sir, It is a sad reflection on the efficacy of the news media that they have still not got through to Mr Robert Hargreaves (February 2): 1, that the proposition put sector pensioners originally to the Government guaranteed index was indeed a link with pay; be defended whe but that, since at the time earnings were rising faster

insisted on the then cheaper

prices index: 2, that, until this year, each year's increase in public service pensions has been less than that in earnings, and thus has cost the taxpayer less than comparable commi would have a link with earnings ;

3. that to change the basis now, now that for the first year the public pensions increase is greater than the increase in earnings, would keep those pensions lagging behind both earnings and prices. There was no public outerv when the present pension link

was introduced; there will be no outcry when earnings again rise faster than prices. To campaign for a change now is

construction

hill farmer from Cumbria and

the crop-sprayer in Cambridge-

the NFU in a way which seems

the anti-vivisection league has

more overt influence on the

huge construction industry.

House of Commons than the

professionals but it is a political fact of life. The presidents

of the Committee for Urban Environment could do no bet-

ter than use their considerable

stauding and influence within

their own institutes to bring

them together and encourage

offer parts of the greatest in-

dustry in the country to unite

into a confederation of con-

some such other designation).

Only in this way will they

may continue to wax elo-quently after the recession has

bitten deep into the industry,

but they will never actually

stop government in future from using construction as the

easy regulator of the stop-go

SYDNEY CHAPMAN, 151-153 Gloucester Terrace,

Until they can do this, they

struction and building

Lobbying may be distasteful

the construction industry

since the war).

cess. The same Treasury that pours millions into ailing and inefficient industries has always stated the cost would be too high.

Simply to cry "He tails I win".

Yours faithfully,
H. F. T. ALLAWA.

Thinkson Gardens,
Paintenn Cucepy Erighton, Sussex.

From Mr P. G. Nu Sir, I am afraid ti f om Mr Robert (February 2), mis no ouesi ta tnicq of index linking

public servants. The problem is index (wages or provide the mo treatment of public sector pensioners sions are provided than prices, the Government main part non The important alternative of a link with the therefore, scheme is free fro ial and accounting which control the funded schemes

them from emeri

Finally, it is remember, in all versy created by not be levelled sector schemes. the nationalized fully funded and t upon private sect Yours faithfully, P. G. NUNN, 2 Sheridan Place,

Roxborough Park, Harrow, Middlese:

Foundry v can be eniovable

ter is thus significantly diminished. If you doubt this, then compare the political pressure that the 300,000 farmers can bring to bear Sir, I have read h concerned with the built upon our legislators—even environment (January 31), though the annual value of enpressing projound anxiety their output is only half than letter about Iro (February 1) wit prise. Having sp £13,000m in spite of being in the midst of its worst recession summer school h ing in an iron to only say it was oc Of course, this analogy is too simple but the parallel is made

and dirty, but no to underline the fact that the many other jobs. avoided the worst shire seem able to join mer's heat wave together under the umbrella of on an early shift. Many of the (

impossible to the architect, builder and concreter. I will only add, as a former MP, that she describes sin occur, as the fact would not allow be run in this c from needing a d obtained ; request During months I was th tioning, and I fo protective clothi was both comi effective.

Of course, the noisy, but not as discotheques, and fact turned to a employing deaf I enjoyed the

friends. The hig and also tough n bunch of people v is a pleasure to wor I am sure that

of modern foundry their work just Vulcan in his smith Yours faithfully, H. W. BAUER.

Factors in the pricing of gas and electricity

economic cycle. Yours faithfully

Now that neither industry is subsidized, prices reflect the er utilization efficiency of true costs of producing and distributing gas and electricity.

A most significant element in these costs is the efficiency of production and distribution efficient overall. It is right that this fact should be reflected in the price since it

From Mr Bryan C. Smith

Sir, I doubt if Mr Worham
(January 31) would find many gas customers on his side in his plea for parity pricing with electricity, particularly those who have chosen gas for heattion and distribution.

Even allowing for the greater utilization efficiency of

choice which is o right one in energ tion terms. In addition, the t crease to be saving . some £2,350m a y balance of payment BRYAN C. SMITH, Member for Marke

British Gas Corpora

326 High Holborn, London WC1V 7PT.

leads the consumer place of imported mated before the l'-

White Child

& Beney Limitec

To our shareholders:

Keep WCB free

Do not be pressured into c hasty decision

Reject the inadequate price offered by Guinness

The Directors of White Child & Beney have teken all reasonable care to ensure that facts stated and the opinions expressed here are fair and accurate. They jointly severally accept responsibility accordingly,



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Second thoughts on Morpeth

d be wrong at this stage e off the Morpeth inflafor discussion following ilication of the exposure only half way through e steering group has so eived no more than a of written submissions. er, it should not be foraither that before the ras produced extensive ation was held with 120 ies and that the steering thought its subsequent presented a fair balance

at the same time it is rat there is a powerful swell of opposition both within the accountancy on and from perhaps matters most—the lirectors in industry nid have to implement ical new system of preaccounts. The purpose exposure draft is, of precisely to sound out ws of interested parties, the light of the opinions egining to emerge it improbable that the ex-draft can go through very extensive modifithe objections indiffer widely, but cercommon strands are ng apparent. One is that oposed time scale for ction of full inflation ing is too rapid. Some like longer to discuss it iers would like to see it t in by stages. Others ay it is wrong to introie new system first for mpanies and then for

objections are not, perf a fundamental nature, e is no shortage of these The common feature that the Morpeth pro-are seen as too wide , aftempting to embrace ersial areas, often of detail instead of sticking e where it is possible to fair measure of agree-A particular source of is the degree of subjecavolved in the Morpethopropriation account. some finance directors

-such as whether there be any inflation-proofbalance sheets or it should be restricted profit and loss accounts. is a further, and appar-growing school of that wants to stick storic cost accounts, the rely being shown in

rlying all of this would to be a growing concern he complexity and comability of the exposure f such views were really nost of the assumptions ing the Morpeth propo-

d Qualcast sting in idries

ies account for slightly ın hali of Birmid Qualapital employed but in weeks to last October 9 per cent of the profit interest) on 60 per cent

being the Aunt Sally ish industry—too much too little investment—rviving foundries have th increased profits. ins have been improving

at Birmid's foundries om 9.2 per cent the preear to 9.4 per cent-and government encourage-ind a £40m assistance investment has been

e, Birmid's plans for of foundry investment, ven years, which started nths ago, the bulk of is still to be spent. Pos-



Mr Rupert Withers, chairman of Dalgety: US losses hit net

even pay for the essential environmental improvements.

The group's iron foundries account for a third of the automotive castings in the United Kingdom and that in turn is a third of the total, while its light alloy foundries are 15 per cent of the total.

The exposure is high but so are the potential rewards. Less than one quarter of castings to to British Leyland, which is giv-ing a much clearer indication of its future requirements than in the past, while castings or cars have been cut back from 40 per cent to a third of output.

An increase in industrial production will pay off the investment handsomely. Meanwhile, the problem for Birmid is that after two reorganizations the Potterton Radiator business bought for £5.75m in 1973 is still not making money and that the lawnmower division needs a wet spring.

some finance directors Profit after 65 weeks at ising even more basic £14.6m (against £10.9m for the previous 52 weeks) shows no significant growth in the last 13 weeks, so although funding of the capital investment is no problem it could be a long haul before it pays off.

> Final 1975-76* (1974-75) Capitalization - (£44.2m) Sales £211,9m (£159.9m) Pre-tax profits £14.6m (£10.9m) Earnings per share 11p (8.1p) Dividend gross 7.67p (5.58p)

'Shorts' lead the advance

now be behaving more in line with Bank of England objectives—it looks as if tomorrow's Treasury Bill tender will probcoly be consistent with a 12 per cent MLR—but the steady advance at the short-end of the gilt market is clearly reflect-ing continuing confidence that short-term rates are likely to be allowed to fall further before too long.

The Treasury Bill market may

That said, the short-end of the gilt market is also receiving a helping hand from the cur-rent technical situation. Two stocks—Treasury 6; per cent 1977 and Electricity 3 per cent 1974-77—fall due for redemp-tion in early March and the general assumption is that the authorities are steadily "buying

On the one hand, then, there is the feeling that the authorities are actual or potential buyers. On the other, there is the realization that the recemption of these two stocks will considerably reduce the supply of low coupon-high taxpayers'
-stock in the market. Hence 5m will come from the the fact that it has been very ment, but that will not much a case of the low coupon Dividend gross 8.06p (7.33p)

stocks leading the advance: a number of the higher coupon stocks have still failed to regain their peaks of a year

Sketchley/Johnson

Logical

but . . .

The logic of Sketchley's bid for Johnson Group Cleaners is not hard to find. As Sketchley says, the two companies' dry cleaning businesses do not overlap geographically, and a merger will not involve significant closures. Equally, there monopoly being formed, since although the combined groups would have unrivalled national coverage, they would still account for less than a quarter of the very fragmented market. However, the stock market

seems unimpressed by logic at this stage sensing that this is this stage sensing that this is only the first shot in a protracted bid battle. At 48p, up 18p yesterday, Johnson's shares have moved 44p ahead of Sketchley's bid. Unimpressed by an historic exit p/e ratio of just under nine and an offer that is pitched 244p below its ner asset value Johnson's board is advising rejection. At this is advising rejection. At this stage shareholders should take

Dalgety A mixed picture

With pre-tax profits at £8.1m, some £2m below upper market estimates. Dalgety's shares started the day badly before ending up all square at 250p, where the prospective yield is 6.1 per cent.

But if profits were not in spiring, attributable profits (down from £3.9m to £2.8m) were even more so, following unofisetable losses in the Uni-ted States which helped lift the tax rate from 46 per cent to 59 per cent. Something which should improve the second half.

Imported steel in the United States has proved difficult to move in the sluggish economic climate while the grain trade suffered a reaction after a good suffered a reaction after a good start to high prices. But the real damage was done by a month-long strike in the Cali-fornian frozen food industry, which closed the group's plants in part of September and Octo-ber. The United States operations lost £800,000 against a profit of £600,000, on sales up

However, elsewhere in northern America, Dalgety's anadian lumber interests rode high on the increased United States housing starts (the most important indicator) with the region contributing profits of £2.2m compared with £600,000. Australasia was a mixed bag its substantial recovery, but Australia remained difficult, with beef exports falling.

The major trading area, the United Kingdom, was hit fairly hard—profits down from £5.1m to £4.2m—as distillers, squeezed for cash by the increased excise duty, cut back demand and barley prices soared because of the drought.

However, the second half should be better—with pre-tax profits for the full year at upwards of £17!m. The Californian strike is over and there should be considerable scope for re-stocking while imported steels should be easier to move once the United States economy really starts moving. The benefits of the Australian devaluation should also start making an impact.

Interim 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £62.4m Sales £376m (£290m) Pre-tax profits £8.1m (27.8m)

One step back from disaster

Industrial strategy 4: domestic electrical appliances

On the basis that one does not kick a man when he is down, Denis Healey was most ungentlemanly when he introduced

gentiemanly when he introduced
the 25 per cent luxury rate of
value added tax on domestic
electrical appliances in May,
1975.
The industry was already
suffering from the effects of
increased imports and diminishing home more than ing home market demand. As a result, throughout 1975 and during the early part of last year demand was severely depressed, the industry had a serious surplus of capacity and high stock levels. Several companies were forced to introduce. panies were forced to introduce short-time working and redun-

Credit control restrictions were eased at the end of 1975 and the rate of VAT halved in last spring's Budget. Neverthe-less the National Economic Development Office working party on this sector of industry felt it necessary to point out to the Treasury that the success of its programme for re-covery in the industry rests squarely on the creation of a permanent degree of confidence

for using indirect taxation and credit control to help achieve an orderly and stable home market.

sympathetic expressions of understanding have filtered back to the working party from the Chancellor's office and now that domestic electrical appliances is one of the five sectors singled out for priority treatment it would be seen as a breach of faith if the industry were to be dealt any further body-blow at Budget time.

Since its establishment last spring the sector working party

spring the sector working party has made significant progress in identifying and correcting short-term problems. Demand has been improving and while capacity is still underutilized, steps have been taken to remove potential supply bottlenecks which would have occurred if sustained high demand were created.

The industry has put pressure on the British Steel Corporation on the British Steel Corporation to improve its delivery and quality. It recently cut some prices affecting the industry and some delivery problems have been ironed out. Quality, how-

esired.
Other sector working parties

Other sector working parties and the industrial strategy coordinating bodies have been told of problems with plastic mouldings, electric motors, toughened glass, aluminium casings and copper and the suppliers are endeavouring to resolve the difficulties.

As component supply difficul-ties ease they will not only make the British industry more make the British industry more competitive but also reduce dependence on imports, both of components and finished products. The Italians have almost been eradicated from the British market for 4 cu ft and 5 cu ft refrigerators, and dependence on imported component such as compressors for refrigerators and freezers is refrigerators and freezers is being reduced. Specific atten-tion is being given to increas-ing home supply of timer con-

trols for cookers.

The Government has also helped the industry to sort out some of its exporting problems. The EEC "low-voltage direcwhich came into force in 1973 has been shown to be less

real problem lay within the in-dustry. It had traded almost exclusively in the Common-wealth and did not "know the

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wealth and did not "know the European ropes". Experience and smoothing the way proved to be the solution.

Claims of unfair competition in the United Kingdom from dumped Italian washing machines have been pressed in the EEC Commission, but at present are stalled while further evidence is gathered.

The sector working party is

The sector working party is now turning its attention to a more medium-term strategy based on a four point plan. It wants to see the amount of capital per worker employed increased and such is the resurgence of confidence within the sector that several invest-ment projects have been announced or revived. Hoover, announced or revived. Hoover, for instance, has at last approved the expansion of its home laundry plant at Merthyr Tydfil which will create 2,000 jobs by early 1979. Hotpoint is contemplating large investment and Thorn is developing its canbillity in the Northeast its capability in the North-east. The working party is also

assessing the impact of the swing towards "own brand" marketing by multiples and cooperatives which are increasingly dominating the industry's retail outlets. Continued study of import penetration and its underlying causes is to be undertaken and the methods of attracting investment to the United Kingdom by component manufacturers are

A statistical appraisal of pro-gress expected by the end of the decade has been drawn up and will be presented by the working party within the next month. While the working party knows there is still a long way to go snatching the industry from the abyss it, faced 18 months ago, it knows it has a good grip and a sound plan for pulling the potential. victim back from the brink-

There is no point, however, in telling the world opposition how you are going to fight back, just so long as Mr Healey does not ties one of your hands behind your back.

Ronald Emler

Kenneth Owen, Technology Correspondent

Making room on the office desk for the microcomputer

A new idea in computer pro-gramming, announced yesterday by a London software house, is doubly significant. It is an advance in technology in its own right; and it gives a pointer to the way in which the National Enterprise Board's new "Iusac" scheme will work to strengthen the computer industry's overseas marketing.

The software house is Com-

puter Analysts & Programmers, in which the NEB is negotiating a 30 per cent stake. The new idea is a method of programming the microprocessors and microcomputers that will be the building blocks of tomorrow's data processing (and of many In particular, it offers the

prospect of applying the bene-fits of microprocessor hardware processing power coupled with low cost—to the needs of business data processing. This has not happened up to

now because of the difficulty and expense of programming these devices for business use; potentially, the impact of microcomputers in business could bring "distributed" pro-cessing down literally to the individual level.

Benefits of mass production

The microprocessor is a microcircuit which can be processing jobs. Thus the basic circuit (and, indeed, the basic microcomputer, which consists of a microprocessor and memory and other elements mounted on a circuit board) can be mass-produced and then tailored to different uses by programming.

But whereas the microcircuit may cost only a few pounds, the bespoke programming can cost

In conventional computing, as it has developed over the years, the user has a software choice. He can take advantage of the libraries of programs offered by the computer manufacturers or he can write his own programs.

By contrast, the semiconduc-tor companies which make the microprocessors do not have large libraries of programs, not to handle business applicarious, at least

The essence of the CAP solu-tion is to take an existing mini-computer which has a substanrial software library and to use it to write and to test the pro-grams needed for the micro-Two inventions were needed

to do this, a " cross-translation" technique, devised by Esmond Hart, CAP's chief software designer, which enables the minicomputer software to generate microcomputer



Mr Alex d'Agapeveff, chairman Computer Analysts & Pro-Microcomputers canable of automating the work of a single clerk, or pro-viding a local data-base for a single executive".

grams automatically; and a new "micro" version of the widely used Cobol computer

The resulting system can produce programs which can be used with microprocessors of different types, a key advantage in-view of the rapid rate of introduction of new microprocessor models.

CAP next went on to identify the most promising type of application for microcomputers in business. According to Alex d'Agapeyeff, CAP chairman, this is likely to be a singleterminal design, costing perhaps half as much as a small minicomputer but, and this is the important implication for the future, "capable of automating the work of a single clerk, or providing a local data-base for a single executive".

Individual microcomputers are clearly not going to replace existing large computer systems in business—not overnight, not next year, possibly not at all. But they will give a new flexi-bility to an organization's data processing, and the market potential is high for systems which enable the power of the microcomputer to be harnessed effectively.

Thus the new development tool is seen by CAP as a natural choice for international marketing under the Insac arrangements announced last week by the National Enterprise Board. If the proposed acquisition by the NEB of a 30 per cent stake in CAP is approved by the shareholders (virtually all of whom are company staff), CAP is likely to become the first software-house participant in Insac Data Systems.

Insac's detailed plans have yet to be decided, but the broad initial aim of the NEB subsidiary will be to market a selection of hardware and soft-

ware products and services on behalf of its participant-com-

The particular package of products to be marketed in particular countries will be decided by the Insac board, on which the NEB and the member-companies will be repre-

Later, Insac intends to sup-port the development of new products as well as their mar-

This new type of NEB/industry involvement (though dependent on an "old type" NEB financial stake in the companies concerned) is intended to strengthen the United Kingdom presence in overseas com-puter-related market. It is an ternative to mergers as a way of gaining benefits of scale and combating the great resources the main computer-services companies in the United States and on the continent of Europe In terms of company size, for instance, seven of the top 10 computer services companies in Europe are French; none is British.

Though Insac's "products and services" will include both hardware and software, the NEB is paying particular attention to the software companies at present. John Pearce, deputy director of the computers and electronics division of the electronics division of the National Enterprise Board (and a former head of the Hoskyns systems consultancy) this week continued his discussions with Insac participation.

Strategy of the NEB

Board would like to see about six softwares/services companies and six (non-mainframe) hardware firms join the ranks of In looking at the computer industry generally the NEB will be concerned with the minicomputer sector, but its approach here is unlikely to be through Insac (or through mergers, on present thinking).

ICL, Britain's largest computer company, already is in-volved with the NEB through the board's 24.4 per cent holding in the company. In prin-ciple it would not be excluded from Insac, but (initially, at least) ICL membership is probably regarded as inappro-

Of even greater interest is the position of Dataskil, ICL's software and services subsi-diary. The NEB did not consult Dataskil in its initial round of talks with the software industry, but the company is now keen to explore the possibility of Insac membership with the board.

Greek merchant fleet gambles on expansion

The Greeks, who today own more shipping than any other nationality in the world, are defying the odds and enlarging their fleets, despite the persist-ing slump in freights, on the gamble that better days lie ahead.

The Greek-owned merchant fleet now amounts to more than 4,600 ships of 51 million tons gross, a 160 per cent increase in a decade.

Of this fleet, 3,300 ships of some 30 million tons are on the Greek registry. This places Greece fifth in world tonnage after Liberia, Japan, the United Kingdom and Norway.

In fact, Liberia's merchant navy includes 587 Greek-owned vessels of nearly 19 million tons gross. The rest of the Greek-owned fleet operates under other flags of convenience such as Cyprus (571 ships of 2.3 million tons) and Panama. The Greek shipowners, un-

deterred by world economic recession and rising oil prices-are adding to their fleet at an unprecedented rate, taking, no doubt, advantage of the sharp decline in prices in shipyards, as well as for second-hand ships. In 1976 they took delivery of 132 new ships of 8.2 million tons deadweight. The breakdown of this order shows that they were quick to adjust to changing conditions. Only 33 of these vessels were tankers. The rest consisted of handy-sized bulk carriers and general cargo ships which fare better on

freights market. Orders placed in 1976 reflected this trend even stronger. There were no orders for tankers. All the 211 ships of 4.7 million tons deadweight now on order at an estimated cost of \$1,500m (£874m) were bulk-carriers and freighters. About nine tenths of all orders went, significantly, to Japanese yards which kept their prices 25-30

per cent below Europe's.
The Greeks also went on a shopping spree for second-hand ships in 1976. This netted them 336 ships of 5.6 million tons gross, again mostly bulk-carriers and freighters.

This big expansion is causing some apprehension among the old-timers.

some apprehension among the old-timers. Mr Anthony Chandris, president of the Greek Shipowners Union, voiced scepticism about the wisdom of this policy. He forecast a gloomy 1977, although one hopeful sign is that idle Greek-owned tonnage dropped to some eight million tons deadweight after the recommissioning of about three million tons deadweight of tankers from lay-up.

from lay-up.

Mr Chandris and other leaders of Greek shipping, however, base their misgivings not only on international uncer-tainties but also on increasing discrimination in favour of national carriers or the flags of developing nations.

This is bound to hurt Greek shipping which had relied on the freedom of maritime transport as well as on the low cost of operation to beat competition. Now even this advantage is threatened because of the growing scarcity of rome. the growing scarcity of com-petent Greek crews and because of pay claims that shipowners

good reputation of Greek shipping, however, comes from the fact that it is so accident-prone. Throughout 1976, for instance, 57 Greek-owned ships of 570,000 tons gross were lost at sea—nearly one half of total losses for world shipping. Yet the Greek-owned fleet represents only one seventh of the world total.

That this misfortune is

That this misfortune is directly related to the age of the ships was evident from the fact that 49 of the lost ships

Today only 44 per cent of the total tonnage of the Greek-flag fleet is 10 years old or less, compared with more than 80 per cent for Japan or Norway. Sixteen per cent is over 20 years of age.

This state of affairs threatens to prejudice the insurance posi-

to prejudice the insurance posi-tion of Greek shipping, but, even worse, the involvement of Greek ships in recent pollution accidents in America, might induce the authorities in the wastern hemisphere to deny them port access if they are

above a certain age.
The Greek Ministry of Ship-

employ Greek union crews.

Shipping makes a major contribution to the Greek economy. The balance of payments profited by some \$875m from shipping earnings, including some \$40m in shipowners taxes and about \$64m in volun-

As things stand today, how-ever, the Greeks keep their fingers crossed unless a major shipping crisis spells doom, and hope that the bunch of most Greek shipowners that better days are round the corner will prove true.

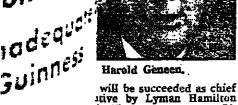
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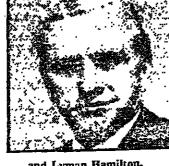
Business Diary: Geneen, Hamilton and ITT • Accounting for taste

Geneen, who is British ind who some in the City iew is " the local boy who (good " is finally going to P some of his power at International Telephone Regraph Corporation. company may therefore

be seen as entering a r phase after years of ty from the United States isiness establishment. chief executive officer nearly 20 years at the end year, but will remain the my's chairmanship which nsure him power over its







. and Lyman Hamilton.

and as having a sense of humour and as having a sense of humour (attributes not normally applied to Geneen) and who greatly enjoys ice hockey (Geneen has no time for sports).

Geneen took a floundering ITT with sales of \$700m and profits of \$27m in 1969 to a position last year where its position last year where its profits were \$489m and its sales in excess of \$11,700m. Working for ITT brought rich rewards

for those who were willing to

devote themselves totally to the company and oblivion for those who did not.

In Brussels, the site of ITI's
European head office, the power
Geneen wielded resulted, for
and planning. example, in special tax benefits for foreign residents ("the who is described by coluses as being considerate strough of the Block in a beautistrough of the Receipt together of the Re

ful suburb. The company sup-ported former President Nixon board has yet to name a succesand was active in pre-Pinochet

Geneen seems to have revelled in controversy; it will be interesting to see if Hamilton can impose his own style. Will he, for example, be invited to join the United States Business Council, which rebuffed Geneen's efforts to join?

Off the panel

There was obviously some un-finished business when two months ago, it was announced that Hill Samuel's David MacDonald was to succeed Martin Harris as directorgeneral of the City's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

Harris who had been a

Harris, who had been a senior partner with accountants Price Waterbouse before join-ing the panel, had said: "I don't know yet quite what I will be doing when my term ends." Well, now we know. When he leaves at the end of next

month he will be going to Reckitt and Colman, where two months later he will be the But the tying-up of this loose fits for foreign residents ("the end merely unravels another.
ITT law" it was once called) It new emerges that a month

The deputy chairman and chief executive of the food, dyestuffs and pharmaceuticals group is James Cleminson. If it is surprising that Harris ls not to return to Price Waterhouse, then the Reckitt and Colman job is the nearest



Reckitt & Colman's Martin

the Reckitt and Colman audit in his PW days, and 20 years earlier he had been the assistant to the parmer who had to be involved in the bringing together of the Reckitt and the

It was during Harris's time Revenue but because they can-at the panel that the body not understand what the depart-approved Reckitt and Colman's ment is on about. eventually successful £7m bid for the Winsor and Newton artists' materials interests.

He will take over from Sir Michael Colman, director of planning and control. Sir Michael is to assume control of the group's British business in the place of John West, who (and here's yet another loose end) is to take up a new over-seas appointment "details of which will be announced as soon

Harris will be among politi-cal as well as business friends in his new job. The panel is a plank of the City's self-regula-tion policy.

Taxing language Personal taxation accountants

might care to ponder remarks about the Inland Revenue made. by Sir Idwal Pugh today in his first report as "Ombudsman". The new Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration could put a number of the brethren out of business were

what he says.

Sir Idwal reports that many people complain to him about tax difficulties not because of some particular piece of maladministration by the Inland as a present to one's spouse.

He says: "The complexities of tax law, coupled with the need for official explanations to be factually accurate, tend to encourage the use by tax offices of a 'tax language' that is often difficult for the average

taxpayer to understand unless he is supported by professional This misuse of language, he goes on, is infectious as well as impenetrable. "Indeed", he complains, "I sometimes find it

in my own reports."
Sir Idwal has been a civil ser vant for 30 years and must therefore have either handled or even dispensed as much officialese as anybody. His reformation, however, is particularly welcome, for it is only when a senior civil servant

himself starts to complain about gobbledygook that other civil

servants in departments like the Inland Revenue will start

to pay any attention. The most unlikely "Jubilee" product we've heard of so jur is . . . a brick. A Derbyshire the taxmen and women to heed company has produced one whose colours are those associated with the coal-firing of clay as practised 25 years ago. We don't think it will catch on

regard as prohibitive.
The worst threat to the good reputation of Greek

were 15 years or older. Loss of life among crew members rose to 105.

ping is so concerned about the fleet, which is mainly due to the numerous purchases of old second-hand vessels, that it is considering a proposal to cut back the upper age of ships on the Greek registry from 30 to 25 years, and to lower from 25 to 20 the maximum age of Greek-owned ships entitled to employ Greek union crews.

tary contributions in support of the Greek armed forces. More than 120,000 families of Greek seamen live off this branch of the economy and existing vacancies could give work to many more if Greece leged countries free from an

unemployment problem.

Independent Newspapers Limited Extracts from Report of the Chairman Mr. R. T. Murphy in the Independent Newspapers Ltd. Annual Report for

year ending December 31.1976. As indicated in the interim statement to shareholders in August 1976 the year has witnessed a substantial degree of profit recovery from the depressed levels of 1974 and 1975. Profits before tax for 1976 amounted to £1.363,000: This represents an improvement of some 50 per cent over the previous peak year of 1973. Your Board is proposing a final dividend of 18 per cent, which makes a total of 25 per cent for the year compared with 18 per cent last year. The National Readership survey for 1976 published recently, emphasises the predominant position of the Company spublications in Ireland. It is estimated that more than four lifths of all adults in Ireland read one or more of the group's publications each week."

Financial Highlights

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	£.000	£.000
Group Turnover	£16. <u>457</u>	£13 <u>.3</u> 34
Profit before Tax	£1,363	£446
Profit after Tax	£697	£375
Earnings per Share	13.15p	7.98p
Dividend per Share	4.07p	2936

Copies of the Director's Report and Statement of Accounts for 1976 from:-John Mitchell, Secretary

Arcraft industry boosts exports to a record £903m

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Exports worth £903.9m were manufacturing industry in 1976, £102.6m above the record level for the previous year, according to figures issued yesterday by the Society of Eritish Aerospace Companies.

government plans to nationalize tatailed nearly £40m in the

recession in civil aerospace trade", the society said.

Export returns continued to recorded by the British aircraft reflect the industry's success in not only keeping pace with in-flation, but also in some sectors in substantially improving sales.

of figures issued yesterday by Two examples were guided the Society of British Aerospace weapons, where the British Companies.

Aircraft Corporation had an order book for the Rapier mistigate uncertainties resulting sile of some 2500m, and in the companion of t from parliamentary debate on aeronautical instruments which a major part of the airframe year under review, compared and guided weapons sector, and with \$14.3m in the previous the continuing world-wide year, and \$8.4m in 1974.

UK orders for machine tools start to revive

By Edward Townsend

Britain's machine tool industry is continuing to experience a healthy increase in orders. Latest figures show that in the three moutths to the end of November last year, the value of new orders had almost doubled compared with a year Much of the improvement has been due to steadily rising demand from United Kingom customers who in the three months ordered more than £25m for almost two thirds of the new business received during the period. This represents a higher preportion than at any time in this decade.

Trade and Industry, which publishes the figures, says that total sales of £94m for the three months showed an increase of menths showed an increase of 14 per cent over the previous three months. Although some of this is due to recovery from the summer holiday period and recent price increases, the journal says it is encouraging. Home machine tool sales at 539.5m wery 10 per cent up on a year earlier, but export sales, at 531m more down by 10 per at 234m, were down by 10 per cent.

The industry's total order books totalled £198m at the end of November and although this slightly higher than the low Home orders were 109 per level reached in July last year, can higher than a year earlier, it is still 22 per cent down on while export contracts rose in the autumn figures for 1975.

£1m deal with Libva

Arab Republic with the educa-

tion and training division of ABMTM, Cambridge, More than

40 United Kingdom manufacturers will benefit from the

contracts, which cover the supply of four packages of equipment for industrial train-

BP gains 65pc stake

£1m container order

Container orders worth more

than £1m have been placed by the Liverpool-based Ocean

with British Rail Engineering

The containers will be used by

ships operating on the group's service between the United Kingdom and Jiddah, and will

be built at BR's engineering

Whitehall is considering a

proposal for amendments to the

Statistics of Trade Act 1947 which would give powers to

require firms to provide infor-

mation about persons working as or for sub-contractors on their premises or sites. They would also have to furnish the

names and addresses of sub-

contractors. This practice, known as the "lump". has caused abuses in the building industry.

Mr N. H. Chamberlen (left)

the new chairman and chief executive of Clive Discount

'Lump' law proposal

works at Derby.

In brief

January building society receipts may be up £70m Building society not receipts to carry cargo for a consortium

for January, to be announced of African states, it was an-today, are expected to show a nounced in Lendon yesterday. substantial rise to between £00m. to £100m compared with £27m December and £23m in

Contracts worth 5950,000 have been placed by the ministry of industry and mineral resources of the Libyan tive homebuyers is the forecast that the February inflow should show a further gain with not receipts expected to be in the region of £200m to £250m.

If the February trend con-tinues then the societies will be ready to discuss the lowering of interest rates at their mid-April meeting. The mortgage rate is a record level of 121 per cent and the rate paid to investors 7.8 per cent grossing up to 12 per cent for the basic rate tax-payer.

'Healey disease' causes Lloyd's brain drain

A "brain-drain" was hardly to be wondered at with the insurance broking industry suffering from the excessive taxation and freeze upon remuneration of the "Healey disease", Mr l'eter Miller, chairman, told the annual meeting of Lloyd's Insurace Brokers' Association in London vesterday.

Any young London broker with flair can earn twice as much overseas and be taxed at. pernaps, half the British rate.

Steel output up 15pc

British steel production last meath rose by nearly 15 per cent compared with the corresponding period of last year. Figures from the British Steel Corporation and the British Independent Steel Producers' Association showed that average weekly production in January was 450,100 tonnes.

RAF freighter sale

All ten of the Royal Air Force fleet of Short Belfast turbo-prop freighter aircraft have been sold

Business appointments

Reckitt and Colman makes directorial changes

Mr -M: - Harris, at -- present director-general of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers is to join the board of Recklit and Colman me neard of Reckitt and Compan when his term of office ends on March 31. Initially, the appointment will be non-executive but, from June 1, he will become a full-time member with a view to assuming executive responsibility for finance and planning. Sir Michael Colman, at present director of planning, and control of planning and control. Michael Colman, at present director of planning and control, will become responsible for the United Kingdom side of the busi-ness in place of Mr J. J. West. Mr West will be taking an over seas appointment. The present seas appointment. The present chairman, Mr A. M. Mason, is to

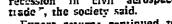
retire in May, but will remain a non-executive member of the board. Mr H. C. Askew will also be retiring.
Mr G. H. Wilson and Mr T. R. M. Kinsey, group financial director and chairman of the rod and components divisions respectively of Delta Metal are reappointed joiat managing directors from April 1. They will be resonsible to the chairman and chief executive, Lord Caldecore. Mr A. F. Thomas, deputy chairman, continues to be responsible for the overseas division and as deputy chief executive of the group. Mr R. A. H. Thomas, managing director of Delta Metal's components division, also becomes chairman. Mr R. W. Fordham, managing director of Delta Exmanaging director of Delta Ex-truded Metals, is made chairman nd managing director of the rod ivision. Mr G. J. H. Rainev becomes financial controller. Mr F. O. Harding, group chief ac-

non-executive director of Delta maraging director of Jessel Dixon and Son Roldings. Mr F. Mulryan has resigned.

Mr A. E. W. Rumsley becomes a director of Anglo-American Il 1, when his executive ment with Jessel Toynbee To that end he has been

countant, is treasurer and chief

has been made an enecutive director and Dr. A. H. Chilver a



policy and with the help of "bear" closing managed some

small gains. But the encouragement of this week's money supply figures, and a lower estimate of public-sector borrowing needs, made for a brighter picture in gilts where switching from long dates left "mediums" and "shorts" between a half and a full point better. "Longs" themselves ended with gains of one-quarter.

The FT Index, 2.5 up at 11 am, weakened a little after the initial interest but did not fall

Stock markets

On returning to their offices, shipping jobbers were surprised by the strength of late inquire for the little traded Atlantic Shipping. The shares were moved up 32p to 317p after the official close. Having sold its ships, the company gets its in-come from investment and an obvious attraction is an asset value of more than £5.

fur and closed 1.8 ahead at 389.7. Dealers took the performance as further evidence that equities are now passing through a period of consolidafrom and point out that there has been no selling pressure this week, even though the index has dropped more than 14 points.

The fifth round of oil pro sector a firmer-than-average look. The three most active stocks of the day were EP, up 11p to 925p, Burmah 1p to 75p, and Tricentrol 4p to 140p. Shell ended 5p ahead at 515p, while others with North Sea interest to meet with demand were Clyde Petroleum 10p to 122p. Associated Newspapers 10p to 10p to 405p and Carless Capel

Equities stood up well to the up to 4p off were Allied at Dixon—up 4p to 42p after news the "A" holding steady at doubts now being raised over 62p, Guinness 132p and also, earlier in the week of Mr 194p.

the next phase of the incomes after its annual meeting, Bass Horsman's interest.

Among the "blue chips" in a modurate performance with 95p and Vatex 267p.

Gilts good but shares hold up

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

On the engineering pitch, Serck firmed half a point to 88p after the shareholders' decision to back the board in its rejection of Associated Engineering's terms. The latter's shares stayed firm at 921p, but Braithwaite gave up 20p to 230p its recent strong advance as profits were taken. Birmid Qualcast gained 2p to 67p after profits.

On the bid scent, Stanney-lands jumped 7p to 31p on news of a counter offer from Greenall Whitley which eased 2p to 60p, while Johnson Group Cleaners soared 18p to 48p after terms from Sketchley which ended 2p lower at 61p. Terms also helped Reed & Mallik to rise 21p to 251p, while Duple were un-changed at 8p after news of a £400.000-plus share sale.

Among the "blue chips".
Glaxo gained 5p to 440p while there were 4p rises from Unilever, 424p, Beecham 412p and, helped by a little "new and, neper by a first new fine "interest, ICI which ended at 348p. But Fisons were lowered 2p to 315p.

In foods, fading bid hopes left Cavenbam 2p down to 122p.

while Reckitt & Colman halved an early rise to close 3p ahead at 345p. Over in electricals. Decca "A" went down another 5p to 238p on the profits warning and EMI was another to give ground at 214p, off 3p.

De La Rue rose another 15p to 307, in papers, while two textile results had Reliance Knitwear 3p up to 18p and Bernard Wardle half a point

there was a show of strength Speculative interest also from AP Cement, up 3p to 1765 centred on WK Pyke, where the gain was 11p to 36p Tex Abrasives at 42p and David ordinary dipped 7p to 193p with

Dajgety (£1) Int G. Dew (25p) Fin Elbief Co (5p) Jut Goode Durrant (5p) Fin Goiddhall Property (25p) Int MFI Warehouses (10p) Int Plastic Cons (10p) Fin Pride & Clark (25p) Fin William Ransom (10p) Int Rawlings Bros (25p) Fin Reflance Knitwear (5p) Int Scots Agricultural (£1) Fin	1.5 1.4 0.71 2.13 3.37 0.35 0.78 0.5 1.56 2.46 1.035 0.62 1.035	Vear 250 1.3 1.15 1.35 0.63 1.83† 4.76 0.35 0.78 0.78 0.52 7.0 0.62		Year's total	Prev Seas 3.25 1.85 2.35 2.35 2.35 0.955 0.955 0.955 10 0.62 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
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Scots Agricultural (£1) Fin	5.5		1.4		
Updown Invest (25p) Fin	1.55	1.35	25 3	1.55	1.35
Weber Holdings (50p) Fin	8.36	9.98		10.11	11.73
Wood Bastow (20p) Int	2.0	1.0	12 4		3.8
Bernard Wardle (10p) Fin	0.7	0.3	21 4	1.13	0.5
Birmid Qualcast (25p) Fin		2.4		4.95*	3.62
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Dividends in this table are sh	יפת משסו	t of tax	on penc	e per sija	ire. Else

The snipping majors turned in a moderate performance with P & O, in spite of the North Sea. 2p lower at 1250, and . Ocean losing a point at 145p. : Ocean losing a point at 1450.

But Furness continued to shine! Sales rose from £9.6m with a rise of 4p to 237p and to £15.2m and margins were there was some late interest in nearly 1 per cent better, some of the second-liners like. Since it discontinued its mail.

In the financial sector, there ; were suppenny rises from each of the clearing banks with Barclays at 252n. Lloyds 262p. National Westminster 222p and Midland 252p. Hambros eased 3p to 160p, but there were stronger spots to be found in Jessel Toynbee 25 to 725, Guinness Peat 3p to 156p and Allen Harvey & Ross 10p to 400p.

There was a modest recovery by property shares, the best being MEPC 3p to 70p better, and Land Securities where the rise was also 3p. to 162p. Some insurance shares also advanced, notably Sun Alliance,

Profit-teking has clipped International Computers from a Stanneylands: rut the impression is that it is selling or renting all the models ; it can supply and heading for profits this year to September 30 of nearly £30m. Last time, it made £23.1m. But the small yield is partly reflecting reasonable discounter for the small profits the second se chie hones of a complete divi-dend restoration this time

recent losses with a jump of Ep to 3950. Equity turnover on February 9 was \$74.95m (15.162 bargains). was \$7.4.95m (15.162 bargains a share, valuing the whole Active stocks yesterday, according on at £900,000. The shares Reckirt and Colman, BAT Did.

Daigett, Shell, Serck, De La
Rue, Beecham, Bass Charring-

Interim up a third at a jolly MFI

MFI Warehouses, the discount furniture group, continued its strong recovery in the 26 weeks to November 27. Profits were £835,000 against 1456,000.

Nome of the second-liners like Since it discontinued its named Hunting Gibson at 145p and order business, on which wanted for the next account. original growth was based. A original growth was based, MFI has gone from strength to strength. Now its profits are edging back to the heights of

> As a recovery situation the group can pay more than the usual 10 per cent extra, and the interim payout is raised a third to 1.56p. Holders of 3,700,000 shares, including Philip Lair and Co and Mrs J. W. Searle, have waived their entitlement

Mr Arthur Southon, chairman, says that the figures confirm his optimism in his annual against 2.0 statement in October that 1p to 43p.

Greenall seeks AL not playing

in Stanneviands, agreed terms which recouped some of us for a 250 offer for the rest.

ing to Exchange Telegraph, spurted 7p to 31p on the news, were EP. Burman, Tricentrol. The snag is that Greenall's The snag is that Greenall's offer is conditional upon Associated withdrawing from the scene or accepting Green all's offer. Another condition is that the Stanneylands board be freed from its undertaking to

would continue.

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New stores conti: Nine of them in the opened in Preston a five or six will be before the year end

of about 55. This closures.
Mr Southon ex margins widenc because sales rose administrative cost

The gain in sales the board. All rang particularly fitted kitchens and wall 1 smaller items suc doors and shelvin

The first tran-group's £500,000 : facility had bee repayment. But llowed it to be d further vear. Earnings were 3. against 2.0p and th

Scottish A

Warrington-based brewers, Greenall Whitley moved into the apparently-settled bid by Associated Leisure for Stanney-iands, the Manchester-based bytels and restaurants group. Last week, Associated, which ciready has a 25 per cent stake Now Greenall which has 10 per cent of Stanneylands, says that it is prepared to offer 30p

accept Associated's terms.

Signals at slow as BM

goes into reverse After falling sho get in 1975, Scot

ger in 1975, Scor tural Industries si year to December of £67.7m against 15 months, pre came out at £3.12 with £4.59m for period, and ab annualized. The n is 16.9p for the ve with 21.2p for 15 In the preceding a subsidiary of I profits of about \$4.3m for 12 mon it turned in 54.5m. In earlier year reported for the t to May 31 and September 30. The the latter period. dency in the past

Bernard Wardle puts best foot forward

Eernard Wardle, the PVC pro-cessing group, continued on its recovery road in the second half of the year to November 28. It made pre-tax profits of E751,000 compared with the depressed £257,000 the year before after a first half contribution of £291,000 against £25,000.

The net dividend has been British Petroleum will earn restored to the level of 1974 a 65 per cent interest in block 211/2, one of the most northerly with a recommended final equivalent to 1.077p gross, compared with a 1975 final of 0.769p gross. So the total is 1.75p a share gross against 0.769p. in the British sector of the North Sea, by drilling a well on the acreage. The licence for the block is held by Enjay Hold-ings, owned by British, Ameri-cen and Canadian interests.

With the new Edinburgh calender plant now fully operational after considerable commissioning problems, the Duraplex division contributed more than 40 per cent of the profits. 38 per cent after 17 per cent a year earlier.

Now that Hispeed has returned to profits, the group should surpass its 1974 record pre-tax profit of £1.12m this year though Mr Derek Boothman, chairman, takes a cautious line. This is one of "restrained optimism".

Pride & Clarke slumps to £516,000 pre-tax

Pride and Clarke continues to find life exciting. Turnover grew from £33.12m to £38.59m in the 12 months to September 30, but pre-tax profits dived from £1.31m to £516,000. This puts profits back to about the 1973-74 level of £555,000. In the year before that they were £1.17m. As expected at half-way the gross payment is held

Last July, reporting first-half pre-tax profits more than halved, the board explained that the fall was largely due to an inability to reflect at once in selling prices increases in the cost of purchase caused by change: in foreign exchange

The board of this group, acts as importers and concessionaires for Toyota, now reports that turnover to date is showing a "satisfactory is showing a "satisfactory improvement" over last year. But recent changes in foreign exchange rates which strengthen sterling have not yet fully restored margins to 1975 levels. However, the board does expect the current year's results to be an improvement on 1975-76.

Dunle International Holdings; Mr T. R. M. Kinsey. The 5.22m ordinary shares in Duple International which were

come from investment banking

and the impact of sterling's

depreciation on commercial

In underlying terms there

was little increase in the size

of the bank's toan portfolio, but

the effect of currency fluctua-

tions beloed to produce an increase in sterling terms from

capital, helped by new sub-

banking profits.

appointed a joint managing director of Delta Metal. held by Bowman Ltd and in munications and oil industries, made a director of Bernard Mr Alan Parry has been elected Orion jumps chairman of Lloyd's Insurance Brokers' Association in succession to Mr Peter Miller. Mr Henry White-Smith and Mr Jack Alston 31 pc to

record £9.7m become deputy chairmen. Mr N. H. Chamberlen has been made chairman and chief executive Orion Bank, the London conof Clive Discount Holdings and o Clive Discount Company. Mr J. J. Warr has become executive deputy chairman of both companies and chairman of Clive Investments. Mr sortium bank specializing in Eurocurrency financing, increased its pre-tax profits by A. C. Gibson has joined the board of Clive Discount Company. Mr
P. Gr. -Wreford remains nonexecutive deputy chairman of Chve Discount Holdings.
Mr Neville Hopwood, managing director of Albachester Exemine 31.7 per cent last year to a record £9.7m, thanks chiefly to a significant increase in fee in-

Mir Neville Hopwood, managing director of Manchester Evening News, has resigned and will be succeeded by Mr W. Smith, assistant managing director.

Mr M. R. Boston and Mr W. E. Boston have joined the board of London and Liverpool Trust. Mr 1. The time time of the controller has M. Hunt, tinancial controller, has been made a director of David Dixon and Son Holdings. Mr F.

£479m to £622m. Deposits grew from £655m to £921m; while Securities Corporation and of North Atlantic Securities Corporaordinated loans of £10.6m, grew from £27.3m to £45.1m.

mortgage to Slater, Walker Ltd, and carry on its optical and have been sold at 8 p per share. They have been bought as fol-lows: 2.79m shares by Rothschild Executor and Trustee Co, 1.5m shares by an institution based in the North-West, and 931,250 by companies within the interests of Mr David Blank, a director of Duple.

Another peak for G Dew

Last July Oldham-based G. Dew was confident that the 1975-76 results would vie with the previous year's record. In fact, pre-tax profits in the year to October 31 scaled a fresh peak. They reached £1.38m, against £1.27m. Turnover was £14.75m compared with £13.95m.

As forecast, a gross dividend of 7.7p is paid on the capital enlarged by last year's rights issue, compared with the previous year's 6.96p paid on the smaller capital. The board of Dew, a civil

engineering contractor and in-dustrial builder reports that the UK workload is slightly better than at this time last

Plastic Construction profits at £405,000 Margins are narrowing at Plastic Constructions but an 18

per cent rise in second-half profits to £240,000 took the pretax total up 6 per cent to a record £405,000 in the year to September 30. Turnover rose from £5.1m to £6.4m. So the full year's margins fell from 7.46 per cent to 6.23 per cent despite the second six months. The dividend rises from 5.2p gross to 5.71p though earnings a share were only 8.09p against 9.24p thanks to minori-

The board says that turnover and indirect exports are growing. Home investment remains depressed and production is be-

low capacity. However, given a recovery in industrial investment, the group is firmly based to take advantage without undue increases in operating costs".

Watsham's in £1.3m deal with Hawker

The directors of Watsham's have agreed in principle for Hawker Siddeley Group to buy its power transmission and special projects activities for £1.3m cash. Watsham's plans to continue making its specialized towers for the telecom-

from Hamilborne

Hamilborne, an investment

company is bidding around

640,000 for Reed & Mallik, the

civil engineering group. It

already holds about 28 per cent

of Reed, and it now offers 20

shares and 675p cash for every

45 Reed shares. This is equal

to 26.1p a share. The shares

went ahead 21p on the news to

shareholders

choose to receive 22:p for every Ramilborne share to give a total

This cash alternative depends

on the bid going unconditional, and will only be available for

acceptance up to the first closing date of the offer.

of 25p a share in cash.

Reed

Reed & Mallik rise on bid

jumped 32 per cent to 5207,000 in the six months to September 30. Turnover rose from £2.2m to £2.3m. So margins widened to 8.37 per cent from 6.9 per cent. The dividend rises from 2p to 2.31p gross, while correlate a share are 4.1p. while earnings a share are 4.1p

Improvement at Goode Durrant

After its first half setback. Goode Durrant & Murray Group picked up strongly in the second six months to October 31. So pre-tax profits rose 29 per cent in the full year to £457,000. Turnover tion, a subsidiary of Sears Holding against DM16m, incs. has acquired the Ken Municipal of Sherman groups of to equal or exceed last year's record total of DM320m. In the

The snag is that tax rose from £512,000 to £569,000, leavent international finance group with a loss of £112,000 against £158,000. However, the board is hold-

ing the dividend at 1.2p gross and it expects the group to be better this year. A change of accounting policy meant that the group took no

credit for interest on property development finance until it was actually received. Hence the £354,000 for 1975. On the old. more lenient, basis, these profits would have been £886,000.

Costs hold back **Wood Bastow**

The turnover of the Wood Bastow Holdings clothing con-cern rose from £4.25m to £4.75m in the half-year to December 25, but this was not enough to stop pre-tax profits slipping from £255,000 to £240,000.

However, the gross interim payment doubles to 3.08p. The board reports that since the end of the last financial year, demand has continued to be "very strong". But the group has experienced difficulty in increasing capacity.
Costs have also climbed. The

board points out that the best part of profits is earned in the second half. The purchase of Andrew Baron earlier this year will boost group turnover by more than 25 per cent.

A good recovery at Reliance Knitwear

Ar last Reliance Knitwear Group is on the mend following two years of headlong retreat.
Turnover climbed from £4.44m

middle market values at Nov-

ember 26 "the day before Hamilborne's offer was con-

Reed & Mallik's directors are

jectured in the press ".

vears."

Hamilborne says that its offer considering the bid. For the values 1,000 Reed shares at moment shareholders should £261, compared with £180 at "take no action".

months to October 31. In the full year 1975-76, Reliance made only £114.000 before tax. compared with £351.000. The interim payment

> In 1975-76, shareholders not a single payment of 1.53p. The board reports that recovery continues. Order books are

Wm Hill buying SW

licensed betting offices from Sixter. Walker who have been advised by Hambros Book.

The total number of licensed betting offices operated by the Mundon and Sharnan Busi-nesses is 236, of which 50 are in London and the Home Coun-

ties.

ber 31 pre-tax profits fell 3,000 to 34,000.

However, shareholders get an Creusot-Loire unsure unchanged gross interim pay Outlook for Creusot-Lo ment of 0.53p and the board reports that sales are rising. The latest sample range has been well received.

electronic equipment is held at

Guildhall goes well

in the first six months. Not rents and other income went up from £314,600 to £330,000. Attributable profits rose 6 per cent to \$120,500 but

After two years of strong growth, Bayerische Motoren Werke will concentrate this year on consolidating its market share at home and abroad, writes Peter Norman from

Bonn. Worldwide turnover is expected to increase at a slower rate to more than DM5,000m in 1977 after jumping to DM4,700m in 1975 from the 1975 level of DM3.600m.

Herr von Kuenheim, chair- All sectors man, has already indicated that last year's net profit is likely to top DM109m after totalling DM74m in 1975. The increase

Overseas

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course of the year BMW will create between 1,500 and 1,800 new jobs. Last year the parent company workforce in West Germany increased by 1,300 to 30.200 while the group's labour

Outlook for Creusot-Loire this year is uncertain. Results in the steel sector are likely to remain mediocre unless fine steel business recovers, the greup said.

Results in engineering, however, should be satisfactory thanks to orders won in 1975 and 1976. The group reports this in a prospectus accompanying the issue of Creusor's 250m franc (about £28.5m) 11.30 per cent

domestic bond. Creusot-Loire confirmed that net 1976 results were sufficient to distribute an unchanged 12 franc dividend on the capital enlarged by 25 per cent owing to the drawing down on previous provisions and the carrying forward of profits from last year (1975 net profit 41.5m francs).—Reuter.

Bell Canada better

Canada's largest telephone utility, Bell Canada, announces unaudited consolidated earnings a common share. before extraordinary item, were SC6.45 for the year to December 31, compared with SC6.20

For the year, t was \$C3,158m (\$C for the quarter (\$C716.1m). The results refl phone and Maritir

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Major French chemicals group Ugine Kuhlmann, companies, this reports a much hig. pared with 18,260m companies included end of last year the year before.

Of the sectors from 8.030m to 9.8 chemicals from 4.480m francs, ligh from 3,670m to 4. and sales of knowfrom 2,670m to 3,55

Following the for rew subsidiary in June, Pechiney increase its share of metals and chemic It also expected to maybe treble its tur United Kingdom in It forecast United sales in 1976 of at le

Colgate fig again impre

Fourth-quarter ne to \$37.92m and fro: Colgate-Palmolive York. Sales in the proved from \$832.4m

For the full year vanced from \$1. \$149.25m and from \$1.95 a share. Sale from \$3,310m to \$3 latest results operations of Charle which was acqu February, Riviana I June and Marisa Chr. October. Figures for

re-stated for Riviana. The company said significant achieves that for the 16th yes improved sales and were achieved de substantial negative lower foreign curr change rates."—Reute

Belgrave extraordinary

small Calgrave Assets which has yet to decide where it is the 15 months to Dec going. The shares were sus-pended on December 22. Holders of just over a tonth of the shares want Eelgrave to

Kallaci, Holdings has 16; per cent of Belgrave's shares. If this happens, the trust posals soon. would then apply for relisting. The directors think that Belgrave would do better in non

traditional investments to benefit a group with a small to unitize, and dron

On February 24 there will any purpose.

They add that divi next should be at a rate 10 per cent up or to September, 1976. pany they say, is ex incre vigorous phase. In its present form, the Stock Exchange isto grant a relisting, board is looking at w

The company is the zrave Mills (Holdings) were aired, but not s

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firmer at 15p.
In a subdued building sector.

Latest dividends

Breweries were softer after news of an inquiry into beer prices and profits. Among those between payments.

Distribution in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * For 65 weeks. † Adjusted for scrip issue. ‡ For 15 months. § To reduce disparity between payments.

ton. Commercial Union, Johnson Group, Cattle's Holdings, CCP Ass. Furness Withy, Grand Metropolitan and Land Securi-

to 15.59m, and a pre-tax less aims to hold market sl of £55,000 turned into a pre-tax profit of £384,000 in the six pharmaceutical activities. Watsham's pre-tax profits

> is restored with a gross divi-dend of 1.540 and, barring upsets, the board will recommend a maximum dividend for the

" satisfactory ".

Elbief still falling

Down and down goes Elbief in handbag frames after the

£486.000 record Including a £72,000 profit on the sale of land, pre-tax profits of Coronet Industrial Securities for the year to June 30 are a record £486,000, against £356,000. The dividend of this distributor of electrical and

0.54p gross.

Following up its record profit of £475,000, against £411,000, last year, Guildhall Property raised its pre-tax total for the fasted its precise total for the six months to December 31 by 6 per cent to £254.00.

The full year should see a new record. The board expects the second half to maintain the rise in profits shown in the flort discounter.

the board is keeping the in-terim dividend at 0.77p gross. in 1975.

Guinness going well to match 1975-76 outcome

Steady progress in the current year to September 30 with a final profit outcome The board of Hamilborne, matching last year's £39.3m headed by Mr Dennis Barkway, pre-tax are forecast for Arthur intends to recommend divid-ends totalling 1.47p a share for Guinness, Sons, the diversified brewing group. Mr R. A. McNeile, joint chairman, told "Assuming re-investment of shareholders that last year's results were affected by a num-ber of "exceptionally favour-able" factors. Even assuming that these did not recur this the cash element of the offer to yield 9 per cent, acceptance of the offer would give Reed shareholders an increase of 88 year, an outcome of similar profits to 1975-76 would repreinvestment compared with his dividend for the year to April 31—the only full year's divid-end from Reed & Mallik in 10 sent "steady progress". In the opening four months

> below last year's. It was also booed that the purchase of a meat factory there would develop into a profitable sideline.

meeting convened Shareholders in many investment trusts wonder cheerfully whether some institution will otherwise, and the bid, but not it seems, those in the control of the

keep authorized status but the directors. Messrs J. N. Oppenheim and Colonder want grave to relinquish it, and take an interest in Kollock Factors.

this time round, sales in the Republic of Ireland had been

The second second aco claimed ngganizing Belgrave's get one. It hopes to su

investment manager is Guarantee. Last year

NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

hands in ison as ck fends AE bid lifford Webb

tham, Feb 10 k just eight minutes to se Serck's annual meet-l clear the way for the siness of the day. This mass demonstration of mass demonstration of for the board's attempts e off a £36m bid by ted Engineering. 50 shareholders and em-

attending the Midland ied with each other to the microphone and their loyalty to Serck. pulled all the emotional including an extract battlefield message to from Field Marshal ontgomery.

stewards reported that s of workers had voted cent to stave-off AE's sy talked of Serck's ex-labour relations record, ages, and sympathetic ment. They contrasted a of affairs with reports Arsociated Engineering ries were at present g with strike problems. he traditional weapons ting-off a bid were not d. A shareholder sugthat the balance sheet ated the group's real y a substantial amount.
ned out that properties
t been revalued since

obin Martin, chairman, repared statement, dis-her when he mer AE's n for the first and only te days ago, he was told rck's success was the ttraction" and that AE it to broaden its base. that when a chairman of broadening his base lly meant that he was happy about his existkets but liked the look

AE's suggestion that d the cash necessary to Serck's potential in such markets as oil, gas and emicals, Serck was al-ivesting heavily in these nd could finance them se. Indeed, the money was now spending was iting expansion plans it ace for itself ".

Brieffy

AL INVESTMENT revenue of Cardina! ent Trust rose from to £600,000 in 1976. Gross up from 4.61p (asjusted)

(adjusted).

L FUNDS INV L funds inv e (after the) of General westment Trust up from to £238,000 for year to 15. Gross dividend raised 3p to 6.31p.

Spring and Steel Group ht a further 35,000 ord in Riley Endains, bringing to 635,000 shares (21.15

ND MOSCROP nd Moscrop (Canada), a y of Eunt and Moscrop on), has bought Canada about fi40,000 cash.

profits for 1976, £112,000). Gross dividend, 15.55p

urt Developments has in-ts shareholding in Wilson 15,000 shares to 2.48m

tesburg Consolidated In-s has reduced helding in Matthew by selling 40,000

folding now 4.1 im saares

ES LAMEERT es Lambert Group, the insurance broker, have ith local business interests i new iesurance company

DALE GROUP e half-year to September \$ £1.19m (£1.25m); pre-lts £23.000 (£45,606). No payment (same).

Arab Entirates.

NACETIOE S is Journal reports that serguson has a sharehold-148,239 shares (beneficial). Si shares (non-beneficial), 428,812 shares (10.68 per Ir P. J. S. Corby no longer) per cent of the ord.

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oldtd Credits 121% : London Secs 121% loare & Co .. *121% ds Bank 121% and Bank .. 121% Westmineter 121% minster Acc's 121% iley Trust .. 14% iams & Glyn's 121% iny deposits on sums of 0,000 and under 9%. 10 £25.000, 9°4% over 5,000, 10%. Decline in metal prices: coffee comes off highs

Prices declined on the London Metal Exchange yesterday, ex-cept for lead. In copper, selling depressed the market in the ring as hedging touched off some stoploss operations. At the afternoon close wire bars were £11.50 lower for cash and three months was also £11.50 down.

In silver, values drifted lower under light selling. Sentiment was

undermined by New York's decline and the trend in base metals. There were losses of 1p to 2.10p

Inere were losses of 1p to 2.10p in the ring.

Despite a \$M6 advance in the Penang price, tin values fell back in a nervous market with outside demand slack and recent heavy buying absent. At the afternoon close standard cash was £42.50 down on the day and three months had fallen £40.

Zinc gave ground under sporadic liquidation and hedge selling in a market lacking worthwhile physical demand. At the afternoon close cash was £2.75 down and three months had fallen £2.825. march was K1,50 down at £111.50.—
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13.50. Oct. £135.35.36.45; Dec.
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£135.10.55.15. March, £138.55.38.60;
£156.50.36.70; June, £155.30.56.70;
Aug. £156.50.56 per metric for: April, £156.50.96.70; June, £155.30.56.70;
Aug. £154.50.56.80; Oct. £153.22.80;
Dec. £138-49; Feb. £147.50.55.00.
Sales: 48 lots.
WOOL: Creasy futures were £128.40;
Ly £156.50.50. July £25-50. Oct.
£156.50. May. £25-72; March, £359.10;
Ly £156.50. July £25-50. Oct.
£26.0; May. £27-72; March, £359. per long ton. *D " grade, Fob-March, £350. per long ton. *D " grade, Fob-March, £552. Calcutta was steedy.—Indian, £501. Res. 20 per hate of 4001b Dundoo To23a Four, spot, Res. 20 per long ton. *D " grade, Fob-March, £350. Garain (The Bailet.—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent; Fob £94.25; March, £94.50; April, £42.00 van-shipment cast cost. Argentine milling: Fob-March, £74.20; April, £75.80 trans-shipment cast cost. Argentine milling: Fob-March, £74.20; April, £75.80 trans-shipment cast cost. All per tonna cif Uk unless to desire the foother for and March, £85 cast Cost. All per tonna cif Uk unless taled.
London Grain Futures Market Calla. £EC origin.—\$88.121. ERC origin.—\$88.1 Coffee prices fell back from Wednesday's highs due to hedge selling and liquidation. At the close March had declined by £17.50 and May was £23 lower. In cocca prices fell back. At the close March was £39 down on the day and May had fallen £59.50. and May had fallen £59.50.

and way use fallen 159.50.

COPPER.—Alternoon.—Cash wire bars, 2827-27.50 a mouric ton; three months, 2857-67.50 a mouric ton; three months, 2857-67.50. Sales, 2.550 tens. Cash cathodes, 2818-19; three months, CF-17.50-48.00, Sales, 25 tens. Morning.—Cash wire hars, 2827-58. Settlement, 2828. Sales, 6.100 tens. Cash cathodes, 2818.50-19.00; three months £844-48.60. Settlement, 2819. Sales, 550 tens. ga.g., serument, 1819. Salos, 550 tons.

SH-VER.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 262.80p a troy ounce (United Statos cents equivalent, 450.9); three months, 271.50p (465.5c); strongles, 277.70c (465.5c); strongles, 277.70c (465.5c); strongles, 277.70c (465.5c); strongles, 277.8c; (465.5c); strongles, 271.471.5c; (53.1p); three months, 271.471.5c; seven months, 271.471.5c; seven months, 261.8c; (10.1c); seven months, 281.8cp, 101.1cc; (10.1cc); (1

east coast, All per tonne off UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gaita). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steader.—March. E81.50: May. ER3.70: Sopt. E87.30: Nov. C90.20: Jan. £93.30: Sales: 511 iois WHEAT was easty.—March. EH6.75: May. EW1.50; Sent. £V1.30: Nov. £94.20: Jan. £7.36; Sales: 450 lots.

Home-Grown Cercal Authority's tocation ex-tarm spot prices.

Non-bread Milling Feed WHEAT BARLEY Hants. Settlement, 252.3p. Salos, 125 lots (mainly carries).

TIM—Afternoon.—Standard cash, 26.910-15 a meric ion; torse mon.in. 26.910-15 a meric ion; torse mon.in. 26.015-20. Sales, 390 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, 25.910-15; three months, 26.015-20. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, 25.910-15; three months, 25.97.00, Sales, 1,200 tons. Morning.—Cash, 25.97.50-58.00; three months, 25.97.00, Sales, 1,200 tons. Morning.—Cash, 25.97.50-58.00; three months, 25.97.90-50 tons isonal half carries. Mining reed WHEAT BARLEY Hants, W Sussex — 285.76 £48.25 N Lines £86.75 £25.00 £80.35 N Lines £86.75 £25.00 £80.35 N MEAT COMMISSION: Average falsiock prices at representative markets on rebruary 10.—68: Catile, 58.00 per kglw (—0.55). Ult: Sheep, 135.49 per kglw (—0.55). Begland and Wales: Carile numbers up 14.8 per cent, average price 156.5p (+3.3). Pig numbers down 10.5 per cent, average price 156.5p (+3.3). Pig numbers up 10.3 per cent, average price 34.4p (-3.6). Scotland: Carile numbers up 10.5 per cent, average price 54.4p (+0.26). Sheep numbers down 4.1 per cent, average price 58.400 (+0.26). Sheep numbers down 4.1 per cent, average price 35.35 (+3.3). Pig numbers down 52.4 per cent, average price 34.35 (ho change).

Foreign **Commodities**

Exchange The dollar generally rullied in Europe, after erasing early losses against the mark and yen. Sterling met further outright selling in forward markets.

Comments by Bundesbank vice-president Herr Ormar Emminger, that there was no room in the floating currency system for artificial upvaluation of the mark through intervention helped to reverse the speculative forces building up this week in the German unit and yen, dealers said.

United States economist Mr Lawrence Klein's recent remarks that Germany and Japan could significantly aid other nations' economies by allowing their currencies to rise by 10 per cent had sparked a speculative move into the two units, dealers said.

The mark retreated to a closing 2.4070-80 marks from a day's high of around 2.4010 and 2.4057-77 overnight. The yen closed at 285.50-55 in dollar terms in London against a high of 285.00 in Tokyo earlier.

Sterling lost 15 points to \$1.7160 from \$1.7175 overnight. Its "effective devaluation" rate was unchanged at 42.8 per cent.

Gold closed in London at \$135.625, down \$1 on the day. ALAINEN WAS A STATE OF THE STAT RUBBER PHYSICALS were inactive.— Spot. 53-55,50. Cifs, March, 62-62.50; April, 53-63,50. April, 65-65.50.

COFFEE prices declined.—March, 63,044-46 per metric ton: May, 63,004-46; per metric ton: May, 63,000-22: Sept. 63,012-20; Nov. 43,010-19; Jan. 63,001-19; Jan. 63,000-10; Safes: 5,767 lois including 367 options.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Feb. £285-305 per metric lon: April, £340-305; June, £392-50-505,00; Apg. £301-301.50; Oct. £299-304; Feb. £299-304; Feb. COCOA prices declined.—March. COCOA prices declined.—March. CO. 454-56 per metric ton; May, CO. 366-70; Sopt. CO. 342-90; Doc. C. 107-10; March. CO. 342-90; Doc. C. 107-10; March. CO. 454-65; May E. 2010-19. Sales: 9.129 lots including 10 options. ICO prices: daily, 182-91; 15-day average. 171.39c; CO. day average, 167.57c (US cents per lb).

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels Madrid Xilan Oslo Paris Stockholm ar deposits (%) calls, 44-44; seres a one month, 44-44; three mouths, subths, 54-54. Geld Gold tired: am, 5136.20 (an ounce); pm, 5135.55.

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Discount market

Discount market

Discount houses again needed a great deal of help from the Bank of England yesterday to bridge the shortage of fresh funds in the market, but this assistance was clearly less substantial than was necessary on Wednesday. The Bank lent an extremely large sum overnight to seven or eight houses at MLR (12 per cent) and bought a moderate amount of Treasurybills, a small amount of local authority bills and a small amount of "eligible" bank bills. The bills, still within the moderate designation in total, were all purchased directly from houses.

After 122-12 per cent initially, the rate for day-to-day money eased slightly to around 12 per cent at which level houses were able to make quite good progress in obtaining secured loans during the morning. The going was a little tougher after lunch, and the close was on the tight side with books mostly ruled off in the range of 113-12 per cent. The help from the Bank appeared to be a trifle underdone.

Treasury bill dealers reported an active market.

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Money Market Rates

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Wall Street

New York, Feb 10.—Wall Street prices closed higher today with a number of blue chip issues showing gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 4.08 points to 937.92. Advancing issues narrowly outnumbered declining ones by about 725 to -707. Volume totalled 22,340,000 shares, down from 23,640,000 shares yesterday.

Brokers said buying in basic industrial issues was encouraged by the snatement by Mr James Schlesinger, presidential energy adviser, that the immediate American natural gas crisis was over.—AP-Dow Jones.

Coffee 3c limit up

Now York, Feb 10.—COFFEE Intures turned decisively upward on a wave of new burning or close as much as the 5.00c limit up. Sales were estimpted at 1.421 contracts. March 256.70c; Nag. 236.00-236.35c; July. 256.50-236.26c; Sept. 356.31c; Dec. 265.75-234.10c; March. 232.25-333.50c. 283.36.2.4.10c; March. 283.25.
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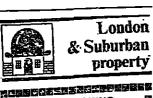
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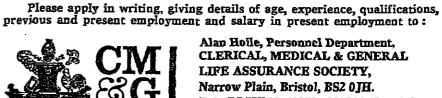
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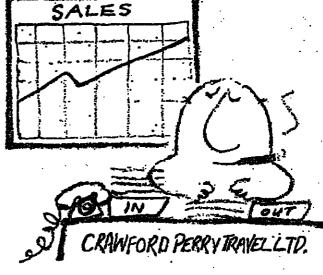
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